Re-Home Unwanted Goods

Hopewell Valley Green Team

Below is a list of avenues and opportunities for unloading items you no longer need but are in good condition and someone else can reuse. Donating pre-loved items to charities or selling/giving directly to others in your neighborhood is an excellent way to divert useful objects, clothing and bulky stuff from a landfill. If you know of an establishment or resource that should be added to this list please let us know via email: hygreenteam@gmail.com

With a Facebook account you can join these groups where second-hand goods find new homes:

- Buy Nothing Hopewell: either North East or South West (cannot join both)
- Hopewell Valley Cheapskates

Craigslist.org and Freecycle.org are additional online platforms.

Pennington and Hopewell Borough organize annual town-wide yard sales:

- May [tbd] in Pennington Borough
- June 14-15, 2025 in Hopewell Borough

Several local charities accept a wide variety of goods for resale in their thrift stores or use by clients. Please double-check by calling to confirm that they can take in what you wish to donate. Some offer pick-up service.

Steven Rinaldi of NJDEP's Bureau of Sustainability has published a list of Reuse Organizations and Opportunities as a Google Document <u>here</u>.

<u>HomeFront</u> at 1880 Princeton Ave. in Lawrenceville: (609) 989-9417 ext. 127 or warehouse@homefrontnj.org. HomeFront also operates <u>Treasure Trove</u> thrift store at 31 W. Broad St. in Hopewell: (609) 989-9417 ext. 450 or TreasureTrove@homefrontnj.org

Notable Thrift at 1 Tree Farm Road #102 in Pennington: (609) 516-8796 or notablethrift08534@gmail.com

Princeton Elks NJ Thrift Shop at 354 Route 518 in Skillman: (609) 921-8972

Capital Thrift at 2783 Brunswick Pike (Route 1 South) in Lawrenceville: (609) 882-4717

Nearly New Shop (benefits Princeton Day School scholarship fund) at 234 Nassau St. in Princeton: (609) 924-5720

Blue Ox Thrift Shop at Titusville United Methodist Church, 7 Church Rd. in Titusville: (609) 737-2622

<u>Goodwill</u> has a drop-off center at 15 NJ Route 31 N. in Pennington: (856) 406-2468; donations can also be dropped off at the Goodwill Thrift Store at 1632 N. Olden Ave. in Ewing: (609) 392-2865

<u>The Salvation Army</u> will pick up donations or you can drop them off at the thrift store, 15 Route 33 in Trenton, or the donation center at 103 Enterprise Ave. in Trenton: (800) 728-7825 or treadm@use.SalvationArmy.org. Additional drop-off boxes are listed on their website.

Habitat for Humanity ReStore

- South Central Jersey at 530 Route 38 E. in Maple Shade: (856) 439-6717 or info@habitatscnj.org
- Raritan Valley at 110 N. Main Street in Manville: (908) 458-9770 or restore@rvhabitat.org

Hunterdon Health Foundation operates <u>Yesterday's Treasures</u> thrift store at 215 Route 31 S. in Flemington: (908) 237-6097

Abilities of Northwest Jersey operates <u>PossAbilities Thrift Boutique</u> at 39A Reaville Ave. (next to Planet Fitness) in Flemington: (908) 237-1329

<u>Vietnam Veterans of America</u> will pick up donations or you can drop them off at Red White & Blue Thrift Store at 2055 Nottingham Way in Mercerville: (609) 586-1608

<u>Lupus Foundation of America</u> will pick up donations of household goods: (888) 445-8787

<u>Purple Heart Foundation</u> will receive revenue for donations of clothing (<u>picked up by GreenDrop</u>) and household goods (<u>dropped off</u>) sold at 2nd Avenue Thrift Superstore, 1071 Whitehorse-Mercerville Rd. in Hamilton Township: (609) 910-4589

<u>Junk Rescue</u> and <u>College H.U.N.K.S.</u> will pick up household goods and large items and donate them to local donation centers.

Specific items accepted by specialized organizations or in collection bins:

Bicycles

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Mercer County <u>Bike Exchange</u> is a volunteer-led enterprise that repairs donated bicycles and sells them at modest prices at its Ewing location at Capitol Plaza, raising funds for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mercer County and promoting biking for transportation and pleasure among low-income families. Proceeds from the Bike Exchange sponsor the Club's after-school programs. Bikes can be donated at the Bike Exchange and several local stores:

- Bike Exchange at Capitol Plaza Shopping Center, 1500 N. Olden Ave. in Ewing
- Hart's Cyclery at 4 Route 31 in Pennington
- Sourland Cycles at 53 East Broad St. in Hopewell
- Halter's Cycles at 1325 US 206 in Montgomery
- Jay's Cycles at 249 Nassau St. in Princeton

<u>Pedals for Progress</u> rescues bicycles destined for overburdened U.S. landfills and ship them to developing countries where they are sorely needed and highly valued. Note: Pedals for Progress also collects sewing machines.

Books

<u>Bryn Mawr-Wellesley Book Sale</u> accepts books on Wednesday and Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon at their site, 812 State Route 206 in Princeton: (609) 921-7479

Mercer County Library Hopewell Branch at 245 Pennington-Titusville Rd. in Pennington: (609) 737-2610

<u>Princeton Public Library</u> at 65 Witherspoon St. in Princeton: (609) 924-9529 or booksale@princetonlibrary.org

<u>NewLegacyBooks.com</u> has two nearby drop-off boxes (books must have ISBN barcodes): Stony Brook Elementary School at 20 Stephenson Rd. in Pennington; Princeton Elks Lodge at 354 Route 518 in Skillman

<u>BetterWorldBooks</u> has a drop-off box at the Hamilton Marketplace, Route 130 & Klockner Rd. in Hamilton, NJ

There are also numerous Little Free Library book exchanges in Hopewell Valley.

Building Materials

<u>Habitat for Humanity ReStore</u> accepts working appliances, usable building materials and supplies. See above for locations.

Cars

HomeFront (vehicles in working order)

Wheels For Wishes benefitting Make-A-Wish New Jersey

Vehicles For Veterans

CDs/DVDs

Mercer County Library Hopewell Branch at 245 Pennington-Titusville Rd. in Pennington: (609) 737-2610

<u>Princeton Public Library</u> at 65 Witherspoon St. in Princeton: (609) 924-9529 or booksale@princetonlibrary.org

<u>Bryn Mawr-Wellesley Book Sale</u> accepts audio books on CD (not music CDs) and DVDs at 812 State Route 206 in Princeton: (609) 921-7479

<u>WPRB</u> (Princeton University student-run community-supported FM radio station) accepts CDs, LPs and 45 RPMs: (609) 460-9488 or mike@wprb.com

Clothing, Other Textiles and Shoes

Hopewell Valley CHS organizes a year-round textile collection in partnership with <u>Law Enforcement Against Drugs</u> (L.E.A.D) and <u>Turnkey Enterprises</u>. Donations support the L.E.A.D. curriculum in HVRSD schools. A used clothing donation bin is located in Solar Lot at the high school. The following items are acceptable: clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, drapes, pillow cases and stuffed animals. *Not acceptable: rags, pillows, scraps of fabric, toys or other household items*.

<u>Rescue Mission of Trenton</u> provides donation boxes around Mercer County (see list on website) including Rosedale Town & Country at 101 Route 31 N. in Pennington

Eastern Service Workers Association accepts donations of clothing at 6 West End Ave. in Trenton: (609) 695-9562

Helpsy provides donation boxes around Mercer County (see list on website) including two in Pennington at St. James Catholic Church, 115 East Delaware Ave. and at the Pennington Fire Company, 120 Broemel Place

Green Tree Textiles has a mail-in program (local drop-off site TBD)

The North Face offers a donation program for used apparel and footwear (any condition, any brand), <u>Clothes The Loop</u>. The closest North Face retail store to Hopewell is on Route 38 in Cherry Hill

<u>Soles4Soles</u> drop-off sites for shoes: DSW at the Mercer Mall, 3371 Brunswick Pike Unit 200, in Lawrenceville: (609) 951-9980; Famous Footwear at Nassau Park Pavilion, 550 Nassau Park Boulevard, in Princeton: (609) 806-1183

SmartWool partners with <u>Material Return</u> to "collect and deconstruct hard-to-recycle socks and turn them into new goods" via their <u>Second Cut Project</u> free mail-in program

<u>I Support the Girls</u> accepts donations of gently used bras by mail or at drop-off locations: Twine at 8 Somerset St. in Hopewell Borough; and, Hopewell Valley Self Storage at 77 Route 31 North in Pennington

<u>The Bra Recyclers</u> has a mail-in program and there are several lingerie stores in NJ which accept drop-offs

Craft & Art Materials

HomeFront accepts unopened/unused or partially-used art materials with substantial creative potential remaining are being collected for their therapeutic ArtSpace program. The top priority items: paint brushes (all sizes), acrylic paint, canvases, acrylic painting paper, watercolor paper, cardstock (black, white and assorted colors), craft glue guns & glue sticks, paint pens, gel pens Sharpies, Crayola Model Magic & clay, linoleum blocks & carving tools, coloring books (children & adult), word search & crossword books. Limited quantities of other art supplies may also be accepted. Drop them off at Treasure Trove thrift store at 31 West Broad St. in Hopewell Borough, or bring to a HV Green Team collection event at local farmers markets in the summer.

Eyeglasses and Sunglasses

All types of used eyeglasses and sunglasses, prescription and non-prescription, for children and adults are accepted by the <u>New Jersey Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center</u>. Local collection boxes ("yellow mail bin") can be found at:

- Pennington Quality Market, 25 Route 31 S. in Pennington
- Hopewell Township Library, 245 Pennington-Titusville Rd. in Pennington
- Outside Michael's Deli & Bakery on East Broad St. in Hopewell Borough

Medical Equipment

Used medical equipment, such as canes, bath chairs, walkers, wheelchairs, ramps, and tray tables can be donated to Goodwill Home Medical Equipment in Bellmawr (or at any Goodwill Store or Donation Center in the NJ & Philadelphia Region). For lists of acceptable and not acceptable items see: https://www.goodwillhomemedical.org/equipment-donation.

Sewing Machines

Pedals for Progress collects sewing machines (as well as bikes)

Shopping Bags

Donate your reusable shopping bags to a community food pantry or soup kitchen.

See: https://cfbnj.org/donate-reusable-shopping-bags/

Sports Equipment

RE SPORTS at 2474 US-206 in Belle Mead: (908) 456-4809

Stereo Equipment

<u>WPRB</u> (Princeton University student-run community-supported FM radio station) accepts record players, speakers and some audio equipment: (609) 460-9488 or mike@wprb.com

Toys & Games

Plastic toys can be taken to <u>Second Chance Toys</u> which donates toys to organizations that care for children in need. The closest drop-off site in Central NJ is in Belle Mead; check the website for dates and hours.

Donate LEGO bricks (as well as DUPLO and Technic bricks) via the company's mail-in program, Replay

Establishments that buy/consign second-hand items

If you know of an additional business or organization that buys/sells on consignment please let us know via email (hygreenteam@gmail.com) so we can add it to the list below.

Clothing

Greene Street at 162 Nassau St. in Princeton: (609) 924-1997

Princeton Consignment at 21 Spring St. in Princeton: (609) 924-0039

Plato's Closet at 2495 Brunswick Pike (Business Route 1) in Lawrence: (609) 285-2937

Nearly New Shop at 234 Nassau St. in Princeton: (609) 924-5720

LPs & 45 RPM records, CDs, cassettes

Princeton Record Exchange at 20 S. Tulane St. in Princeton: (609) 921-0881

Revilla Grooves and Gear at 126 N. Main St. in Milltown: (732) 447-3149

Sports Equipment

Play It Again Sports at 3111 Route 38, Suite 12, in Mount Laurel: (856) 591-7140

Various

We Buy Everything Pawn Shop at 1780 N. Olden Ave. in Ewing: (609) 323-7501