

VNA of Somerset Hills Rummage Sale Donation Guidelines

We greatly appreciate your generosity and that of the community in donating items to our rummage sales. We've developed the following **acceptable item**, **unacceptable item** and **drop-off procedure guidelines** to make your donation process easy. Click here for a PDF copy of donation information.

When to Donate

Donation Dates: (Fall 2011): September 10 – September 28, 2011

Donation Times: Monday thru Saturdays 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

For information call: 908-781-6445.

Donation Drop-Off Procedures

- Check the list of items that are, or are not, acceptable as donations on the list on this page. The VNA cannot make house calls to pick up items.
- Arrive at the Far Hills Fairgrounds during donation hours, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. except Sundays, entering by the normally-closed gate nearer Route 202 and turning right. There is a limited capacity for vehicles to wait before 10. The lease prohibits the VNA from accepting any donations before 10 or after 1.
- Take a donation receipt and possibly other information from the volunteer greeting you, and follow the directions of the volunteers assisting with traffic and intake. You must determine the value of the items you donate; there are computer programs that can help you.
- **Load items into your vehicle in the reverse order of drop-off, (LIFO), following this list arranged in loading order:**

Computers, including peripherals and software. These will be unloaded last and normally from the right side of your vehicle.

Books. Because books are heavy and our volunteers mostly women, please place books in sturdy bags or boxes with no more than 15 pounds in each. These will also be unloaded to the right.

Toys. Includes large items such as ride-on equipment and playhouses. These also will be unloaded to the right.

Furniture. This category includes not only furniture but also other items sold in the largest tents such as home and garden tools, baby and medical equipment, luggage, rugs, prints and other art. These and all following categories will be unloaded to the left.

Sporting goods, including exercise machines (not all may be accepted), skis and acceptable boots, skates, baseball caps, bats and gloves, golf clubs, fishing rods and the like.

Miscellaneous. Includes all clothing and other soft goods, jigsaw and other puzzles and games for adults, music, home-office equipment, small toys, kitchen and household items and anything else acceptable not elsewhere listed.

Electrical and optical equipment. Includes anything with a plug or batteries that must be tested before resale except computers; also includes cameras, enlargers and other photographic items, binoculars and telescopes. These will be unloaded first, from the left.

What We Accept

Please sort like items together and limit the weight of each box or bag to less than 20 lb. for easy handling by our volunteers. Also, please only donate saleable goods. We must pay disposal fees after the sale for unsold items. We gratefully accept sorted paper shopping and grocery bags.

CLOTHING, SHOES, & CLOTHING ACCESSORIES: We accept clean items in good to excellent condition. We cannot accept clothes with stains, tears, worn elastic bands, broken zippers or are missing buttons, shoes without buckles or laces, and belts that are tattered and worn.

ELECTRICAL: We accept clean electrical items in working condition. Vacuum cleaners must have all parts and model must be less than 10 years old. Please box or bag all parts together and attach to the electrical item.

FURNITURE: We accept furniture in good to excellent condition. Luggage must be in excellent condition. No locked luggage without keys or combination. Car seats and cribs for infants and children must be manufactured within two years, a SAFETY CODE requirement. Only “new in package” curtain rods and decorative shades.

HOUSEHOLD/KITCHEN: We accept clean items in good to excellent condition. Pots and pans without lids or tops are acceptable. Tupperware and other containers (cookie jars, canisters, etc.) must have lids. We cannot accept items that are broken, chipped or are missing pieces.

TOYS: We accept all games, stuffed animals, dolls, toys and puzzles. We cannot accept large plastic toys that are broken, missing pieces or have split parts.

What We Cannot Accept

Due to environmental restrictions, safety codes, and the high cost of disposal we cannot accept the following items:

- Audio cassettes
- Automobile tires, rims, car radios and speakers
- Baby furniture and car seats for infants and children not up to safety code; free-standing swings for children; all cribs
- **BOOKS:** discarded library books, encyclopedias printed between 1920 and 2005, magazines (except art and collectibles), National Geographic magazines, Reader’s Digest Condensed books, textbooks (including business related) older than two years, older fiction except classics.
- Beds: bunk, sofas, trundle, & waterbeds; steel bed frames; recliners; upholstered sofas
- Bed pillows
- Box springs and mattresses, foam mattresses
- Built-in furniture/cabinets; furniture made of particle board or Formica
- Christmas trees, artificial, larger than 3’ x 3’

- Computers without hard drives and with chips older than Pentium or equivalent, non-color computer monitors, computer monitors smaller than 14", dot matrix printers, large and heavy copiers, non-USB printers
- **ELECTRICAL:** air conditioners; vaporizers; attic and ceiling fans; commercial equipment; humidifiers; large and older models and all built-in microwaves; all black and white TVs; items without power packs; TVs larger than 21 inches; TVs older than 2002; and VCRs; older vacuum cleaners
- Framed pictures with broken glass, unframed mirrors, loose glass
- Fireplace doors
- Garden hoses (unless brand-new), canning jars
- Halogen lamps without safety guards
- **HAZARDOUS WASTE** (as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency)—paints, stains, varnishes, cleaners, pesticides, motor oil, or car batteries
- Large appliances
- Large office desks/furniture, metal file cabinets
- Loose hardware such as nails, screws, bolts, etc.
- Non-din ski boots, Nordic tracks
- Non-steam clothes irons or irons with used sole plates.
- Renovation/remodeling leftovers, tiles
- Sinks, toilets, toilet seats, tubs
- Storm doors, screen doors, windows, and window screens
- Venetian or vertical blinds or shades; drapes/curtains with foam rubber, fiber glass, or rubber backs
- Wall-to-wall carpeting, rugs without binding
- Anything flammable such as gasoline/ kerosene-filled items, matches or propane tanks or oil lamps with oil in them

Please: No flood damaged items.