



CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Donating & Reusing:

A Guide to Giving Your Household Items a Second Life



Donations

There are numerous area organizations that will reuse or resell your gently used donations. Please call them directly or visit their websites for more information. Several have complimentary pick up.

CLOTHING & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- **KARM:**
karm.org/karm-stores, 865-521-770 x 1
- **Goodwill:**
goodwillknoxville.org, 865-588-8567
- **Angelic Ministries:**
angelicministries.com, 865-523-8884
- **Ladies of Charity:**
ladiesofcharityknox.org, 865-247-5790

EYEGASSES & SUNGLASSES (broken or reusable)

- **Lions Club Vision Program:**
TNlions.org, 865-556-9091

FOOD

- **Find a nearby food drive or pantry:**
 - o secondharvestetn.org/food-driver/ongoing/
 - o secondharvestetn.org/find-a-food-pantry/

BOOKS, CDS, DVDS, GAMES, RECORDS, ETC.

- **McKay's:**
mckaybooks.com, 230 Papermill PI Way, 865-588-0331

APPLIANCES, FURNITURE, TOOLS & CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

- **Habitat for Humanity ReStore:**
knoxvillehabitatforhumanity.com, 865-690-4214

BICYCLES, USED BICYCLE PARTS, AND ACCESSORIES

- **Kickstand Community Bike Shop:**
<https://kickstandknoxville.wixsite.com/kickstand>,
kickstandknoxville@gmail.com



Have questions about where to recycle or donate a particular item?

Call or email Makenzie at:
Mread@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-2817

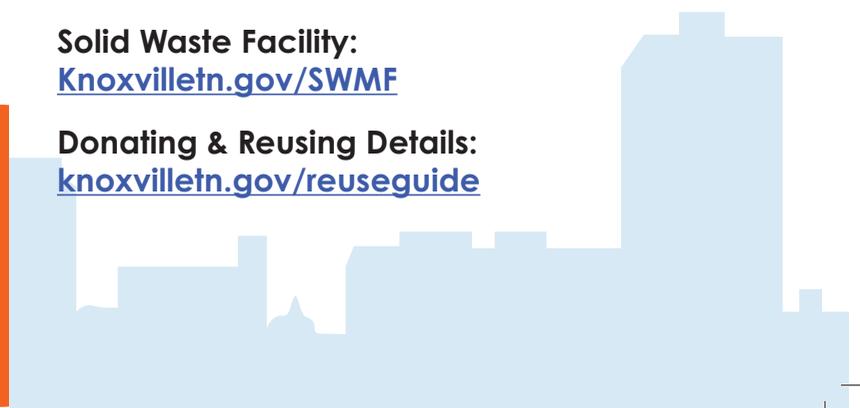
Our web pages are continually updated with new information. Please visit any of the sites below for additional details.

Curbside Recycling:
knoxvilletn.gov/recycling

Recycling Drop-Off Centers:
knoxvilletn.gov/dropoffcenters

Solid Waste Facility:
Knoxvilletn.gov/SWMF

Donating & Reusing Details:
knoxvilletn.gov/reuseguide



Curbside Recycling

- All recyclable items should be placed loose (NOT in plastic bags) in your curbside cart or drop-off center dumpsters. **Plastic bags and plastic film ruin curbside recycling; never place them in your curbside cart.**
- **Do not put glass in your curbside recycling cart;** glass is only accepted at the five City of Knoxville Recycling Drop-off Centers (see locations below)
- For a list of all curbside recycling guidelines, please visit knoxvilletn.gov/recycling
- Still have questions about whether a particular item is recyclable? Visit knoxvilletn.gov/serviceandsort and look it up in the recycling search tool.

Specialty Recycling

Please consider these options for recycling common items that are NOT accepted in your curbside cart.

GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

Glass can only be recycled at the five City of Knoxville Recycling Drop-Off Centers. Visit knoxvilletn.gov/dropoffcenters for hours and more information.

North: Goodwill Store - 5412 Pleasant Ridge Rd.
South: Chapman Highway - 225 W. Moody Ave.
East: Chilhowee Park/Magnolia Ave - 210 Alice St.
West: Cedar Bluff - 341 Parkvillage Rd.
Downtown: Old City - 227 Willow Ave.

STYROFOAM EGG CARTONS AND MEAT AND PRODUCE TRAYS

Take to any area Publix grocery store, three locations in Knoxville. Please **remove the plastic wrap and the absorbent liner.** Cartons and trays must be clean and dry. Packing and other large Styrofoam is not accepted.

PLASTIC BAGS AND PLASTIC FILM

Using reusable grocery bags is much more sustainable than recycling plastic bags. Bread, tortilla, and other unavoidable plastic bags can be deposited at many local grocery stores (e.g., Kroger, Food City, Walmart, Publix, etc.). Markets for these low-grade plastics fluctuate but generally remain low; contact stores directly for information about whether bags are being recycled at this time.

ELECTRONICS WASTE

Accepted at the following locations:

- City of Knoxville Solid Waste Facility (1033 Elm St)*
- Knox County Convenience Centers (Dutchtown, Halls, John Sevier, and Karns locations ONLY)*
- University of Tennessee's Recycling Drop-Off Center (2121 Stephenson Dr., Dock 24)*
- Goodwill*
- Best Buy
- Batteries + Bulbs

**These locations also accept broken holiday lights for recycling.*

FOOD SCRAPS

Food scraps in landfills waste valuable space and create methane, a powerful greenhouse gas. The Knoxville Compost Pilot Project composts your food scraps to help grow nutrient-rich food at local farms.

1. Visit knoxvilletn.gov/compost to learn all about the project.
2. Take the Approved Food Scraps quiz and get the combination to unlock the collection bins.
3. Collect **ONLY** the following food scraps:
 - fruits
 - uncooked vegetables
 - egg shells
 - coffee grounds
 - paper coffee filters
 - nutshells
4. Drop your approved food scraps in a green collection bin at the Old City Recycling Drop-off Center, 227 Willow Ave.



For more information and the latest guidance on donating and reusing, visit knoxvilletn.gov/reuseguide