



A Resource Guide to Donation Opportunities
for Businesses, Local Governments, and Residents

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INTRODUCTION TO REUSE

What is Reuse ?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 1989 Agenda for Action promotes a solid waste hierarchy to first- reduce/reuse, to second- recycle (including compost), to third- incineration with energy recovery and to finally-landfill when managing "trash" disposal.

What is the Purpose of this Guide?

The purpose of the *Reuse Resources of New England* is to promote reuse over traditional solid waste disposal of materials that still have "use." The Guide is intended to be used by businesses, institutions, governments who deal with off-spec production or asset management, and others who repeatedly need to dispose of items that still may have "use." It contains listings for where to donate used goods or unwanted materials, and serves those in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. This guide features organizations that are not-for-profit corporations unless stated otherwise.

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What is the Difference between Recycling and Reuse?

In the case of a computer, here is the difference.

RECYCLING: The computer would be separated into its component parts, breaking it down into "raw" materials such as metals and plastics.

REMANUFACTURING: The computer would be rebuilt into a "new" product for sale.

REUSE: The computer would be used again in its original form for the same purpose, or it would be used again for another purpose by simply moving its location/user, or making minor software/hardware changes. An example of reuse would be donation to a non-profit organization. (Please refer to *Definitions* section for further clarification)

Why Reuse?

There are many opportunities and reasons for a business or homeowner to reuse its unwanted or surplus materials. Reuse Operations may be traditional non-profit charitable organizations or for-profit businesses. They have developed out of the recognition that it makes good economic sense to reuse, refurbish or remanufacture an already existing product rather than making a new one with raw materials.

Conservation of Natural Resources: Reuse gives a product with value a “second life,” and saves the raw materials that would be used in manufacturing a new product. Remanufacturing, refurbishing, and repairing all use fewer raw materials and conserve both energy and natural resources. By finding a use for that old file cabinet or remanufacturing your toner cartridges, you are helping to conserve valuable natural resources that go into new products, while also conserving landfill space.

Cost Savings: The same avoided disposal costs that a business or homeowner achieves through recycling may also be achieved through reuse. You may even find that the financial benefits are greater through reuse, in particular it generally costs less to buy used.

Social Benefits: As a general philosophy, reuse fulfills a dual goal in the community by diverting waste from disposal while getting materials to those in need.

**REDUCE,
REUSE,
RECYCLE**

Tax Deductions: A donation to a non-profit reuse operation with 501(c)(3) status can result in a tax deduction through the IRS, based on the Full Fair Market Value of the donation.

Why Repair?

Repair is another avenue to reuse, local bookstores and libraries should have books available that focus on repair of reusables. Most manufacturers can be called directly to locate authorized repair people and parts, or, to supply repair instructions. A well proven resource, *The Yellow Pages*, is now available online at www.bigyellow.com. It can be searched easily using key words such as “repair” or, the material’s name. For example; “automobile-repair.”

Why Buy Reused?

Buying reused supports solid waste management goals. Buying and using items that are reusable supports a method of waste management that has been identified by the EPA and others, as a priority method of handling materials — REUSE. Less energy and resources are used when an item can be reused instead of disassembled, ground, shredded, melted, molded or otherwise processed for recycling. Perfectly good items which are no longer wanted or needed by one may find a useful home with others.

An item can often times be reused several times, then sent to the recycling center for processing. The list of reused items is long, and reuse opportunities can be found in nearly every community including: thrift stores and charitable drop-off centers; efforts supplying charities, low-income people, food banks, and schools with reusable equipment and materials; “drop & swap” stations at local landfills or transfer stations; used equipment stores and salvage yards; local and regional material exchanges.

Buyer or Seller Beware

Not all charitable-sounding organizations requesting donations are eligible to receive gifts. When a tax write-off is planned, ask for a copy of the organization’s Internal Revenue Service Determination Letter, that letter, generally 2 pages, verifies the soliciting group is tax exempt as a charity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Note that churches are not required to apply for exempt status, and may not have such a letter. There are “watchdog” organizations that publish reports on non-profit organizations, such as the National Charities Information Bureau, located at: www.give.org/reporta.cfm. Be sure to check into donation details and processes that are specific to each organization prior to donating.

There may be environmental, health, or safety concerns regarding reuse, a few of which are mentioned here. Some materials, such as older vehicles and appliances, may be significantly less energy efficient than newer ones. Other materials, such as those used in infant and child care, may have design or safety issues depending on age and wear. Materials deemed for reuse in food preparation/

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storage may have previously contained toxic materials, or harbor bacteria in cracks on surfaces that are not easily sanitized. Older kitchenware, such as ceramic, crystal, or painted materials, may contain lead, which is unsafe when heated in a microwave or dishwasher. Last but not least, electrical items should be inspected to make sure that they work properly.

Resources Worth Mentioning

Choose to Reuse, a book written by Nikki & David Goldbeck at : healthiestdiet.com, or through Ceres Press, PO Box 87 WB, Woodstock, NY 12498. This book discusses more than 200 topics and 2000 reuse resources, from Air Filters to Zippers. Seen in *U.S. News & World Report*, on the cover of *E Magazine*, and on *Good Morning America*, it is a valuable resource for the homeowner and environmental enthusiast.

The **Reuse Development Organization, Inc. (ReDO)** is an organization of “reuse” professionals, located at: www.redo.org/ or by phone at 317-631-5395. ReDO was created to promote reuse as an environmentally sound, socially beneficial, and economical means for managing surplus and discarded materials. ReDO fills an information void where participants voice a desire to avoid “reinventing the wheel” and share what they have learned. Collaboration is done through a quarterly newsletter, email/web forum, publications, programs, and services.

EXISTING REUSE DIRECTORIES

There are many existing directories and web sites that focus on reuse. The following is a compilation of resources that service the New England area.

Choose to Reuse Vermont Online Database

Website: www.vtrecyclers.org/reuse.asp

E-Mail: recycle@sover.net

Address: AVR, P.O. Box 1244, Montpelier, VT 05601

Phone: 802-229-1833

Description: The Association of Vermont Recyclers in collaboration with USDA's Rural Development program, has created a searchable online database which lists over 900 businesses statewide that repair, rent, salvage and sell used products and surplus. Contact: Connie Leach Bisson.



Internet Resale Directory, and Resale Directory

Website: www.secondhand.com

Address: P.O. Box 297, Sonoma, CA 95476

Phone: (707) 939-9124

Description: Managed by Harris Publications, the *Resale Directory* has grown to 145 pages with a distribution of 50,000 copies annually. It is available online, and can be searched by state for thrift shop listings including: *Consignment, Clothing, Furniture/Appliances, and Books.*

The Massachusetts Business' Guide to Reuse

Website: www.wastecap.org/wastecap/publications.htm

Address: WasteCap of MA, 376 Boylston Street, Suite 303, Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Phone: 617-236-7715

Description: Compiled by WasteCap of Massachusetts, this directory contains 120 listings of nonprofit organizations, schools, and companies in Massachusetts that accept donated materials for reuse. The Reuse Guide also reviews the benefits of reuse, defines terms associated with reuse, and lists additional reuse resources.

The Massachusetts Guide to Recycled Product Manufacturers

Website: www.chelseacenter.org

Address: The Chelsea Ctr., 180 Second Street, Chelsea, MA 02150

Phone: 617-887-2300

Description: This directory is published by the Chelsea Center for Recycling and Economic Development. Listings include 173 companies in Massachusetts that make recycled or remanufactured products. Updated listings are available online. Contact: Amy Perlmutter.

New Hampshire's Recycled and Reused Products Directory 1998

Website: www.wastecapnh.org

Address: WasteCap of NH, 122 N. Main St., Concord, NH 03301

Phone: 603-224-5388

Description: The *NH Recycled and Reused Products Directory*, by WasteCap of NH, assists businesses in purchasing materials that have been recycled or reused. Contacts: Mark Toussaint, Barbara Bernstein.

Recycler's World

Website: www.recycle.net

Description: Recycler's World, an online service, was established as a world wide trading site for information related to secondary or recyclable commodities, by-products, used/surplus items or materials. Trading categories include *Used Equipment*, *Used Commercial Items*, *Used Building Materials*, and *Materials Exchanges*.

Western Massachusetts Reuse Directory

Website: www.cet-ecotech.org

Address: Center for Ecological Technology, 112 Elm St., Pittsfield, MA 01201

Phone: 413-445-4556, 413-586-7350

Description: Managed by the Center for Ecological Technology (CET), this directory is a consumer-orientated publication, with listings for where to buy and donate used goods. There is also a smaller section on rental, repair, borrowing from libraries, focus on automobiles, and advice on hard-to-recycle and hard-to-dispose of items. Contacts: Lara Dubester, Jim Desmond.

MATERIALS EXCHANGES

Materials Exchanges serve as a resource to broker information to assist businesses that have unwanted materials to connect with other businesses or not-for-profits looking for the same type of material. Most exchanges have listings of "materials available" or "materials wanted" that are provided either in newsletters, catalogs or online. For the most part, exchanges do not directly handle the material but serve as a contact point or a broker. The fee structure for each exchange varies from no fee, a voluntary donation, or a percentage of the net value of the material. Material exchanges function to reuse materials and to keep materials out of the solid waste stream.



Maine Materials Exchange

E-mail: h.arndt@juno.com

Address: Eco-Waste, 93 Marquiot Dr., Freeport, ME 04032

Phone: 207-865-6621

Fax: 207-865-6621

Description: This organization publishes a quarterly newsletter with material listings. Listings are free; service/processing fees may be charged for successful exchanges. Acceptable materials include industrial bi-products, equipment and machinery, chemicals, appliances, construction materials, electronics, leather, medical and office supplies/equipment, and paper/cardboard. Contact: Harold Arndt.

Millenium Exchange

Website: www.milleniumexchange.com

Email: trade@milleniumexchange.com

Address: PO Box 4875, Annapolis, MD 21403

Phone: 410-280-2080

Description: This for profit organization assists with the matching of buyers/sellers of used/surplus industrial materials for reuse/recycling, and provides direct contact with a third of the manufacturers in the northeast. Contact Millenium for fee details. Contact: William Sloane.

New Hampshire's Material's Exchange

Website: www.wastecapnh.org

E-mail: exchange@wastecapnh.org

Address: WasteCap of NH, 122 N. Main St., Concord, NH 03301

Phone: 603-224-1517

Description: WasteCap's New Hampshire Materials Exchange (NHME) is an online service by which generators of wastes are linked with potential users of those wastes. The NHME operates a listing of materials available and materials wanted by a wide range of users, including businesses, schools, and non-profit groups. The Exchange handles a diverse assortment of materials, and is also available in hard-copy form through *ReConnections*, the quarterly newsletter of the WasteCap Resource Conservation Network. Contact: Mark Toussaint.

Southern New England Materials Exchange (SNEME)

Website: www.rirrc.org/materials.shtml

Address: RIRRC, 65 Shun Pike, Johnston, RI 02919

Phone: 401-942-1430

Description: The SNEME is a free, online service provided by the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation. It was designed to create a link between businesses that have a surplus of waste materials, and other businesses that may have a use for them. Listings are free and there are no finder's or subscription fees. Contact: David Goldberg.

Surplus & Scrap Wood Products Exchange

Website: www.woodexchange.com/index/

Email: info@woodexchange.com

Address: VTE Company, LLC, Rte. 132, S. Strafford, VT 05070

Phone: 802-765-4673

Description: The for profit Virtual Trade Exchange Company LLC, in cooperation with the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry- Economic Action Program, have developed this online site in an effort to identify buyers and sellers of wood by-products, from sawdust to surplus. Contact: Lincoln Alden.

Vermont Business Materials Exchange (VBMEx)

Website: www.enviro-source.com/vbmx/

Address: PO Box 430, Newfane, VT 05345

Phone: 802-365-7991 (email: ppress@sover.net)

Description: Sponsored by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, VBMX is a free match-making service for companies with excess materials, and businesses/individuals who can make productive use of these wastes. VBMX publishes a quarterly catalog of listings with phone numbers included. All listings are also posted on the

VBMX web site, and distributed quickly upon receipt to subscribers of the VBMX email service. Materials accepted include: plastic/rubber, wood/pallets, metals, chemicals, paper, textiles/leather, glass, electronics, packaging, construction materials, food wastes, and more. Contact: Ellen Roffman.

Western Massachusetts Materials Exchange Program

Website: www.cetoline.org

Email: cetnoho@aol.com

Address: CET, 26 Market St., Northampton, MA 01060

Phone: 413-586-7350 or 800-369-3333

Description: Managed by the Center for Ecological Technology (CET), this exchange actively connects businesses disposing of reuseable materials and by-products with those that can use them. Call to place a listing. There are no up front fees to participate but when a match is made, a contribution is required based on the savings from avoided disposal cost (by the "seller") or purchase cost (by the "buyer"). A wide variety of materials are exchanged. Contact: Jim Desmond.

CLASSIFIED OPPORTUNITIES

The following are New England newspapers known to advertise reusables for free. Most New England newspapers are available online, including their *Classifieds* sections. *Yahoo! Boston*, located online at boston.yahoo.com, lists New England newspapers.



Burlington Free Press (Vermont)

Website: www.burlingtonfreepress.com

Address: 191 College St., Burlington, VT

Phone: 802-865-4600

Description: The *BFP* has a special classified ad column, *Absolutely Free*. There is no fee to post an ad if the item is free.

Cape Cod Chronicle (Massachusetts)

Website: www.capecodchronicle.com

Address: 60-C Munson Meeting Way, Chatham, MA 02633

Phone: 508-945-2220

Description: Published by Hyora Publications Inc., dba, the *CCC* has a special classified ad column, *Free*, where individuals can advertise 1 item per month valued at \$150.00 or less.

Concord Monitor

Website: www.concordmonitor.com

Address: PO Box 1177, Concord, NH 03302

Phone: 603-224-5301

Description: The *Concord Monitor* offers free classified ads for items under \$75. Limit: 2 ads per week. Ads can be posted to the website.

Daily Hampshire Gazette

Website: www.gazettenet.com

Address: 115 Conz St., Northhampton MA

Phone: 413-586-1700

Description: The *Gazette* has a section, *Aunt Clara's Closet*, where items sold for less than \$25 can be advertised for free.

Martha's Vineyard Times (Massachusetts)

Website: www.mytimes.com

Address: 14 Beach Rd., Vineyard Haven, MA

Phone: 508-693-6100

Description: On Martha's Vineyard, the *MV Times* has a *Bargain Box* every week where items valued under \$100 can be advertised for free.

Peabody & Lynnfield Weekly News (Massachusetts)

Website: www2.shore.net/~weeklyns/weeklyns.html

Address: P.O. Box 6039, Peabody, MA 01961-6039

Phone: 800-221-2078 (Ext.342)

Description: This weekly has a Classifieds section, including a category, *Free Stuff*.

DONATION PROGRAMS

Donation isn't a new idea. People and organizations have always passed along goods they no longer need. What is new is the reemerging awareness that "waste" can be a resource. This guide focuses on donation opportunities in the New England states. In this way New England benefits twice: once by preventing useful materials from becoming waste, and again, by directing these materials locally. The following categories have been selected to ease the use of this directory, while it is recognized that many other opportunities abound.

BUILDING MATERIALS RESOURCES

Boston ReStore

Address: PO Box 256, 10 Harvard St.,
Dorchester, MA 02124

Phone: 617-288-8400

Description: Boston ReStore collects donated building supplies and office furniture from homeowners and companies, and stoves/dishwashers found to be in good condition (and part of a kitchen set). Materials are made available to lower-income homeowners and nonprofit organizations from the Dorchester warehouse. Contact: Bill Perkins.



Building Material Resource Center

Address: 100 Terrace St., Roxbury, MA 02102

Phone: 617-442-8917

Description: The BMRC takes in residential construction/demolition reusables, including over-runs such as vanities, sinks, and tiles. Materials are available to low to moderate income households only, at a reduced rate. Contact: Matthew St. Onge.

Fundamental Action to Conserve Energy (FACE)

Website: www.facesave.org.

E-Mail: facebill@facesave.org

Phone: 978-345-5385

Description: The Reuse Project organized by FACE and South Central Recycling Association of Massachusetts (SCRAM) and funded by Rural Utilities Service, made three awards to Massachusetts municipalities with drop off programs and plans to increase diversion of construction and demolition material. As an example, North Brookfield

used a \$2,000 grant with additional local funds to construct a Reuse Shed. The facility was used during its first week to divert a load of wood scrap on its way to the landfill. Within two weeks, all the clean wood had been taken by residents. Contact: Bill Stanwood.

Maine Housing Building Materials Exchange (MHBMX)

Address: 169 Lewiston Rd., Gray, ME 04039

Phone: 207-657-2957

Description: The MHBMX is a non-profit housing organization headquartered in Portland, ME. It assists families in need through social services agencies, churches, and non-profit organizations. The BME solicits donations of new, used, discarded and surplus building materials and related items, from manufacturers, suppliers, building/demolition contractors, and others. Contacts: Kathleen Scott, Elaine Cederan.

Maine Materials Exchange

(See under Materials Exchange page 9)

Mason Brother Salvage

Address: 11 Maple St., Essex, Junction, VT 05452

Phone: 802-879-4221

Description: MBS is a for profit architectural salvage warehouse that buys materials from renovators, selling in turn to remodelers who plan to "add character" to a project. Some materials examples: sinks, toilets, doors, windows, ornate brackets/posts/columns, barn wood, and wide pine boards. Contact: Ned Gaston.

Recycler's World

(SEE under *Reuse Directories* page 7)

Residuum

Website: www. Dover.net/~reuser

Email: reuser@Dover.net

Address: 70 Smith St., Barre, VT 05641

Phone: 802-479-9341

Description: Residuum is an online service that accepts new and used building materials. Call for materials listing. Contact: Cindy Blakeslee.

Surplus & Scrap Wood Products Exchange

(SEE under *Materials Exchange* page 9)

Western Massachusetts Materials Exchange

(SEE under *Materials Exchange* page 10)

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

There are a variety of organizations that reuse or recycle computer equipment. The following are resources to determine how to dispose of end-of-life electronic equipment. Please note to check with your local community including school districts, churches and other community groups.



Computer Reuse and Recycling, April 1999

Website: www.state.nh.us/recycle/homepage.htm

Address: NHGRP, 2 1/2 Beacon St., Concord, NH 03301-4497

Phone: 603-271-1098

Description: This brochure, published by the New Hampshire Governor's Recycling Program, lists New Hampshire businesses that reuse/refurbish/recycle computers. It also discusses the *New Hampshire Governor's Computers in the Schools Program* (CITS), a donation program that uses state prisoners to refurbish computer equipment prior to donation in public schools.

What Can I Do with These Old Computers? Listings for Boston Area

Website: www.epa.gov/region1

Email: beling.christine@epa.gov

Address: U.S. EPA Region 1, One Congress St., 1100, SPP, Boston, MA 02114

Phone: 617-918-1792

Description: Compiled by U.S. EPA. The purpose of this document is to provide examples of businesses and organizations that purchase or accept donations of computers for reuse and/or recycling. The Research Library for RCRA was established in 1989 and disseminates information concerning: pollution prevention, waste minimization, and solid waste education. The following are the donation opportunities listed in this publication.

Community Resource Management

Address: 20 Union Street, Lynn, MA

Phone: (781)-598-6003

Description: This is a jobs training program to teach computer refurbishment. Contact: John Chapman.

Easter Seals Disabilities Assistance Technologies Program

Address: 484 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608

Phone: 1-800-922-8290, 508-831-9768

Description: This organization accepts and refurbishes computers for the disabled in the surrounding area.

East West Education Development Foundation

Address: 55 Temple Place, Boston, MA 02210

Phone: (617)-261-6699

Description: This organization refurbishes computers to distribute in third world countries. Contact: Wayne King.

Goodwill Industries Inc.

Check your local phone book or www.secondhand.com

Maine Meeting Place/Citizens Action Network: York County Parent Awareness

Address: 160 Main Street, Sanford, ME

Phone: (207)-324-2337 or (207)-287-7210

Description: This organization accepts and refurbishes computers for the disabled in the surrounding area.

National Christina Foundation

Address: 591 West Putnam Ave., Greenwich, CT

Phone: (203)-622-6000

Description: This organization accepts and refurbishes computers for the educational distribution.

New Hampshire College Donation Depot

Address: 2500 N. River Road, Manchester, NH

Phone: 603-645-9622

Description: This organization accepts computer equipment, refurbishes and distributes to any not-for-profit organization. Contact: Frank Eaton.

Recycle North

Address: 316 Pine Street, Burlington, VT 05402

Phone: (802)-658-4143

Description: This organization is a jobs training program to teach computer refurbishment.

TecsChange

Website: www.tecschange.org

Address: 83 Highland St., Roxbury, MA 02120

Phone: 617-442-4456

Description: This organization accepts computers as donations for project, *Computers for Social Change*.

SURPLUS INVENTORY FOR THE ARTS/EDUCATION

Businesses often generate off-specification products, end runs and other materials that are traditionally disposed of as waste. The following organizations work to utilize this type of materials in the arts and education.



Central Vermont Surplus Directory

Address: The Restore, 186 River St., Montpelier, VT 05602

Phone: 802-229-1930

Description: Published in 1999 by the Restore, this booklet provides information on where to take surplus stuff. Listings include businesses which handle appliances, art/educational supplies, building materials, office equipment, sporting equipment, and toys. Contact: Connie Leach Bisson.

The Coalition

Description: The Coalition is now in its planning stages. It promotes partnerships between businesses and schools to improve education and to encourage a spirit of conservation and thoughtful use of resources. It endeavors to educate teachers in the creative potential of "waste" materials, by focusing the mind of the individual through the use of the hands, in teaching science, math, and celebrating the arts. For more information, contact any of the following member organizations, which accept industrial over-runs/discards/donations applicable for arts & crafts projects and/or other educational projects.

Boston Children's Museum

Address: 300 Congress St., Boston, MA 02210

Phone: 617-426-6500, ext. 388

Contact: Corey Smigliani.

Children's Re-Source Center

Address: In process of moving

Phone: 617-484-9290

Contacts: Sylvia Murphy, Dottie Keosaian.

The Creative Resource Center

Address: 1153 W. Lowell Ave., Haverhill, MA 01832

Phone: 978-372-2182

Contact: Debbie Redding-Sampson.

Community Resource Center

Address: 38 Montvale Ave., Suite 330, Stoneham, MA 02180

Phone: 781-279-4658

Contact: Diane Edwards.

Dedham High School

Address: 140 Whiting Ave., Dedham, MA 02026

Contact: Catherine Carney.

Extras for Education

Address: Brighton High School, 25 Warren St., Brighton, MA 02135

Phone: 617-635-8284

Contact: Hugh Halsey.

ReCreate

Address: 93 Rear Mt. Hope St., Lowell, MA 01854

Phone: 978-458-2738, 978-937-0820

Contacts: Teresa Harrison, Karen Talbot.

Recycle for Children

Address: 34 Front St., Indian Orchard, MA 01151

Phone: 413-543-5061

Contact: Barbara Rosenbaum.

Worcester Public Schools Recycle Center

Address: 211 Providence St., Worcester, MA 06607-1199

Phone: 508-799-3629

Contact: Mary Pichierri.

New Hampshire Donation Depot

Website: www.nhc.edu/admin/donate/donate.htm

Address: New Hampshire College, Manchester, NH

Phone: 603-695-9622 , 603-224-1517

Description: This organization accepts equipment and inventory donations from industries and corporations. Schools, social service organizations, towns/cities, human service agencies, and other non-profits may select what they need from the warehouse, at no cost. Office supplies, arts & craft supplies, computers, equipment, and parts are welcome. Contacts: Frank Eaton, Mark Toussaint.

Educational Assistance, Ltd.

Website: www.glen-ellyn.com/eal

Address: PO Box 3021, Glen Ellyn, IL 60138

Phone: 708-690-0010

Description: This organization makes corporate equipment donations available to approximately 170 colleges and universities. The schools accept the material, and agree to award a tuition scholarship in the corporation's name.

Industrial Surplus Network

Address: 9 Bridgeham Ave., Suite 300, Watertown, MA 02472

Phone: 617-484-6771

Description : This for profit corporation buys and sells inventory in the New England area. It promotes and facilitates the donation of surplus inventories to not-for-profit organizations for use by that not-for-profit or resale by the not-for-profit to raise funds. Contact: Larry Sprague

Investment Recovery Association

Website: www.invrecovery.org/about.html

Address: 5800 Foxridge Dr., Suite 115, Mission, Kansas 66202-2333

Phone: 913-262-4597

Description: Investment recovery is the practice of recouping the value of assets no longer needed by a company by identifying and

reusing or disposing of surplus assets. Investment recovery professionals can earn a professional accreditation from IRA called Certified Manager of Investment Recovery. This organization represents more than 200 companies with investment recovery departments, and provides ongoing education, training and networking opportunities to members.

Massachusetts Surplus Inventory Donation Program

Website: www.wastecap.org/wastecap/services&projects.htm

Address: 376 Boylston Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02116

Phone: 617-236-7715

Description: The Surplus Inventory Donation Program encourages companies to donate surplus inventory to WasteCap to be resold.

National Association for the Exchange of Industrial Resources (NAEIR)

Website: www.ida-assoc.org/naeir.htm

Email: member@naeir.org or donor@naeir.org

Address: 560 McClure Street, Galesburg, IL 61401

Toll Free Number: 800-562-0955

Description: NAEIR is an organization that collects and processes donations of new, top quality merchandise from American corporations. Materials are redistributed to qualified schools and non-profits across the United States.

Recycling for Rhode Island Education

Website: www.rrie.org

Address: PO Box 6264, Providence, RI 02940

Phone: 401-781-1521

Description: RRIE has a 6 year history of collecting and recycling manufacturers' safe, non-toxic byproducts, overruns, and scraps. It distributes these materials to teachers, parents, and other member organizations who teach or work with kids. Call or visit website for scheduled hours of operation. Contact: Priscilla.

CONSUMER GOODS

There are a variety of consumer goods, ranging from cars, bikes, furniture, clothing, etc...that have many outlets for reuse. There are many local outlets as well including school and church rummage sales and other local charities.



American Lung Association Vehicle Donation Program

Website: www.lungusa.org/events/vdp.html

Toll Free Number: 800-577-LUNG (800-577-5864)

Description: ALA accepts vehicle donations. Call the above number for pickup information.

Bikes Not Bombs

Website: www.igc.org/bikesnotbombs

Address: 59 Amory St., #103, Roxbury, MA 02119

Phone: 617-442-0004, 617-445-2439

Description: BNB salvages used bicycles. The organization also runs a Bicycle Recycling and Youth Training Center in Roxbury's Egleston-Jackson neighborhood. Through the *Earn-A-Bike* program, young participants learn safe riding, bike repair, and urban environmentalism while repairing a bicycle they get to keep at the programs's end. Contact: Genevieve Howe.

Boys and Girls Club

Website: www.bbbsa.org/

Toll free Number: 1-800-710-9145

Description: The Boys and Girls Club accepts vehicle donations, and toy and clothing donations. Call the above number for collection and pickup information.

Cambridge Furniture Bank

Address: PO Box 391349, 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138

Phone: 617-492-0300

Description: Located at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, the CFB solicits and collects donated household furnishings/appliances, sorts/stores them, and makes them available to people moving out of homelessness.

Davis Research Foundation

Website: www.help-kids-read.org/cars.htm

Email: carprogram@aol.com

Toll Free Number: 1-800-513-6560

Description: DRF accepts vehicle donations. Call the above number for pickup information.

Easter Seals Automobile Donation Program

Website: www.vehicledonation.com/

Toll Free Number: 1-888-631-6833

Description: Easter Seals accepts vehicle donations. Call the above number for pickup information.

Gifts In-Kind America

Email: Productdonations@giftsinkind.org

Address: 700 N. Fairfax St., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22314

Phone: 703-836-2121

Description: Gifts In-Kind America operates a program that matches donations from companies with a network of 50,000 non-profit organizations. As many as 500 companies make donations of used office equipment, supplies, clothing, and other products. GIKA will assist large companies in developing a strategy for dealing with items that are no longer needed by the company.

Good News Garage

Address: Burlington, VT

Phone: 802-864-3667

Description: The Good News Garage accepts cars 10 years and younger and in working condition.

Goodwill National Locator Directory

Website: www.goodwill.org/STATES/Map.htm

Description: For those with web access, follow the instructions on the website to locate the closest GoodWill donation depot. For those without access, call regional headquarters at the following numbers:

VT: No listings during creation date of this document

Northern NH/Maine: 207-774-6323 (Portland, ME)

Southern NH/Northern MA: 508-459-0351 (Lowell, MA)

Berkshires MA area: 413-442-0061, 413-442-0633 (Pittsfield, MA)

Springfield/Hartford Area: 413-788-6981 (Springfield, MA)

Boston, MA Area: 617-541-1256 (Boston, MA)

Western CT: 203- 368-6511 (Bridgeport, CT)

RI Area: 401-861-2080 (N. Providence, RI)

Greater Springfield HELP

Address: 718 State St., Springfield, MA 01109

Phone: 413-263-6500

Description: GS Help Collects and redistributes used furniture to non-profits and low-income residents of the Greater Springfield area. Contact: Synthia Mitchell.

Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless

Address: 288 A Street, 4th Fl., Boston, MA 02210

Phone: 617-737-3508

Description: The MCH collects furniture. Their primary interest includes sofas, sofa beds, coffee/end tables, dining room/kitchen sets, dressers, and nightstands. Furniture must be in usable condition "as is." The MCH accepts smaller household items (i.e. appliances, electronics) and linens, if a major piece of furniture is donated. Federally approved highchairs, cribs, playpens, and strollers are also accepted. Call the number above for more information. Contact: Bill Homan

National Kidney Foundation

Website: www.kidney.org/funds/cars.cfm

Toll Free Number: 1-800-488-CARS

Description: The NKF accepts vehicle donations. Call the above number for pickup information.

National Vehicle Donations Programs Online

Website: www.auto-donation.com

Description: From this site a donation organization can be chosen for unwanted cars, trucks, boats, and airplanes. The following education information is also provided: *What's Involved in Making a Donation, Frequently Asked Questions, and Program Benefits.*

New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans

Address: 17 Court St., Boston

Phone: 617-248-9400

Description: This organization accepts clothing donations. Call the above number for collection information.

Pine St. Inn

Address: 444 Harrison Ave., Boston

Phone: 617-983-5686

Description: This organization serves as a homeless shelter. It accepts clothing donations, and some food donations may also be acceptable. Call for collection information.

Planet Aid

Website: www.planetaid.org

Email: fred@planetaid.org

Address: 250 Canal St., Lawrence, MA 01840

Phone: 978-794-9611

Description: This organization has over 600 clothing drop off collection boxes in Eastern Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island, where local residents can donate clothes 24 hours a day.

Recycle North

Address: PO Box 158, Burlington, VT 05402

Phone: 802-658-4143

Description: RN accepts donations of goods from businesses/individuals, repairs, and redistributes them for resale. Acceptable materials include household items such as furnishings and appliances. Contact: Tom Longstretch.

Rhode Island Donation Exchange Program

Address: 20 River Ave., Providence, RI 02908

Phone: 401-831-5511

Description: This organization solicits manufacturers and homeowners for furniture, clothing, and building materials. It warehouses and redistributes donations to needy R.I. individuals or families. Some household goods are sold through a thrift store.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Address: 1280 Washington St., Boston, MA

Toll Free Number: 1-800-820-7837

Description: This organization collects clothing for the poor. Certain types of furniture donations may also be acceptable.

Salvation Army: USA East Locator Directory

Website: www.salvationarmy-usaeast.org/locations/TSsearch.htm

Address: 440 W. Nyack Rd., W. Nyack, NY 10994-1739

Phone: 914-620-7200

Description: This resource is an online directory for the Salvation Army. Follow the directions on this website to select state listings. For those without access to the web, call the number above.

Spare Change : Massachusetts Journal of the Streets

Website: www.way.net/hep

Address: Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave.,
Cambridge, MA 02138

Phone: 617- 497 - 1595 / 1064

Description: *Spare Change* is a publication for and by the homeless community of Boston, sponsored by the Homeless Empowerment Project (HEP). Sold in the Boston area for \$1.00 weekly, the *Helping Hands* column lists charities/help groups/agencies that come to the aid of the homeless and poor. The organizations listed accept items for reuse, including food, clothing, toys, furniture, and appliances.

Food

There are many opportunities to donate unwanted food to local area shelters that are not listed here. The following is a listing of larger organizations that accept food donations.



Fair Foods

Address: 3 Nottingham/200 Geneva Avenue, Dorchester, MA
02121

Phone: 617-825-3959, 282-0728, 288-6185

Description: Fair Foods accepts food donations. Call the above number for collection information.

Foodchain

Website: www.foodchain.org

Address: 912 Baltimore Ave., Suite 300, Kansas City, MO 64105

Toll Free Number: 800-845-3008

Description: This organization provides a nation-wide listing of food programs which distribute surplus food to those in need through nearly 50,000 food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and other social service organizations. Foodchain focuses on donations of prepared and perishable food.

Greater Boston Food Chain

Address: 99 Atkinson St., Boston, MA 02118

Phone: 617-427-5200

Description: The GBFC accepts food donations. Call the above number for collection information.

Second Harvest

Website: <http://www.secondharvest.org>

Address: 116 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 4, Chicago, IL 60603

Description: Second Harvest distributes surplus food to those in need through 50,000 food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and other social service organizations. Second Harvest works mainly with the food industry to distribute surplus food inventories. The Website provides a Food Bank Locator, and for those without web access:

CT, New Haven: 203-469-5000

CT, Windsor: 860-688-6500

MA, Boston: 617-427-5200

MA, Hatfield: 413-247-9738

MA, Shrewsbury: 508-842-3663

ME, Lewiston: 207-782-3554

NH, Manchester: 603-669-6821

RI, Warwick: 401-826-3073

VT, S. Barre: 802-476-3341

MEDICAL DEVICES, EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

The following are organizations that utilize unwanted medical devices, equipment and supplies ranging from eyeglasses to hospital equipment.

Carelift International, Inc.

Website: www.carelift.org

Email: information@carelift.org

Address: GSB Bldg., 1 Belmont Ave., Suite 425,
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

Phone: 610-617-0995

Description: Operation Carelift was developed to



receive hospital donations, and collects medical supplies/equipment, which are sent to needy hospitals overseas. Call or email for more information.

Hear Now: Hearing Aid Collections

Website: www.leisurelan.com/hearnow

Address: 9745 E. Hamden Ave., Suite 300, Denver, CO 80231

Toll Free Number: 800-648-HEAR (800-648-4327)

Description: Hear Now collects hearing aids donated via the mail, in padded envelopes. A return address should be included if a donation receipt is to be used for income tax purposes.

Heart to Heart: Pacemaker Reuse Option

Address: 220 34th St., W. Billings, MT 59102

Description: Heart to Heart is a pacemaker recovery organization that uses doctors from the United States to hand-deliver pacemakers to doctors in Israel, Sweden, Canada, Asia, the Caribbean, and Africa. Non-implanted devices such as the telemetry transmitters (for monitoring and resetting pacemakers) are also acceptable donations.

Hingham Rotary Club

Address: PO Box 39, Hingham, MA 02043

Description: Hingham Rotary recovers operating equipment including x-ray machines and kidney dialysis machines. Contact: Richard Bridges.

Lions Club International "Sight First" Program

Description: In most communities, the local Lions Club recycles eye-glasses. For Communities without a Lions Club, mail them to Operation Eyesight Universal 4 Parkdale Crescent NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3T8, Canada.

Mass Eye and Ear Optical Shop

Address: 243 Charles Street, Boston, MA 02144

Phone: 617-573-3182

Description: This organization collected old eyeglasses and distributes them to individuals in need locally and in third world countries.

New Eyes for the Needy

Address: 549 Millburn Ave., Short Hills, NJ

Phone: 201-376-4903

Description: Eyes for the Needy collects used eyeglasses.

Pine St. Inn Nurse's Clinic/New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans

Address: Listed in sections above

Phone: 617-521-7214/617-248-9400

Description: The Inn accepts the following donations: crutches, canes, braces, walkers, and unopened cartons of bandages. Call for collection information.

Requiptment Catalog

Phone: 802-229-0501

Description: Run by the Vermont Center for Independent Living, this classified advertising/database is a resource for used adaptive equipment/medical devices.

The Wheelchair Society

Address: Washington, DC

Phone: 310-495-0277

Description: This organization accepts and refurbishes wheelchairs and walking aids.

LOCAL AND STATE PROGRAMS

There are a variety of local and state programs that promote reuse, including swap shops and surplus inventory programs. The following are listings of New England State programs.



Massachusetts Reuse Sheds and Swap Shops

Website: www.state.ma.us/dep/recycle/recycle.html

Email: John.Crisley@state.ma.us

Address: MA Department of Environmental Protection, 1 Winter St., Boston, MA 02108

Toll free number: 1-800-800-6881

Description: Several Massachusetts municipalities have "reuse sheds" or "swap shops" located at their transfer stations. Call the number above for more information.

New Hampshire Federal Surplus Property Office

Address: 144 Clinton St., Concord, NH 03301

Phone: 603-271-3241

Description: The FSPP collects surplus from the State's Government Offices and Programs. School districts, municipalities, as well as other approved agencies may purchase from this program. Items valued under \$100.00 are often sold to the public at a building called "The White Barn." For catalog listings/hours, call the number above.

Swap Shop Starter Kit: A Guide to Help Small Towns Start Reuse Programs at Transfer Stations

Website: www.cet-ecotech.org

Address: CET, 112 Elm St., Pittsfield, MA 01201

Phone: 413-445-4556, 413-586-7350

Description: Managed by the Center for Ecological Technology (CET), this kit provides case studies of successful municipal reuse centers, including budget information, site maps, and photos.

Vermont Solid Waste Districts

Website: www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waste.htm

Description: A number of Vermont's solid waste management districts have reuse facilities for their district members. For more information, contact the districts individually:

Addison County: Laura Routh, Waste Reduction Coordinator
802-388-2333

Bennington Regional Planning Commission: Nate Williams,
SW Coordinator 802-375-9964

Central Vermont: Debbie Fyffe, Recycling/Hazardous Waste
Manager. 802-479-4363

Chittenden: Lee Tuure, Waste Reduction Program 802-872-8100

Greater Upper Valley: Sami Izzo, Program Director 802-649-
2610

Joint Municipal SW Alternative Committee: Pamela Clapp,
Administrator 802-235-9353

Lamoille Regional: Joyce Majors, Operations Administrator 802-
888-7317

Northeast Kingdom: Alan Pultyniewicz, Recycling Coordina-
tor 802-626-3532

Northwest Vermont: Mike Loner, Recycling Coordinator 802-524-5986

Rutland: Dean Wilson, Recycling Coordinator; Eric Pratt, C&D Waste Coordinator 802-773-4083

S.Windsor/Windham: Mary Williams, Executive Director 603-543-1201

Waterbury/Mad River SW Alliance: John Malter, Administrator 802-244-7373

White River Alliance: Del Cloud, Administrator 802-234-9340

Windham: William MacDonald, Materials Marketing 802-257-0272

Vermont Surplus Property

Website: www.bgs.state.vt.us/gsc/surplus

Address: 375 River St., Montpelier, VT 05602

Email: terry.francis@state.vt.us

Phone: 802-828-3394

Description: The State of Vermont has a Surplus Property Program. For more information, call the number above. Contact: Terry Francis

REUSE SUCCESS STORIES

Bikes Not Bombs

has salvaged over 16,000 used bicycles during its 15 year history, and sent them to grassroots organizations in Central Africa and the Carribean.

Carelift International, Inc.

has received donations from more than 140 hospitals in 35 states and has delivered millions of dollars of medical supplies, equipment, and pharmaceuticals to needy hospitals overseas.

Extras for Education

diverts approximately 150 tons of industrial over-runs/discards from landfills each year, and gives away approximately \$1.5 million dollars worth of materials.

Planet Aid

sent 240 tons of quality second hand clothes to HUMANA People to People Projects in Angola, in 1998.

Recycling for Rhode Island Education

helps divert more than 1.5 tons of waste from Rhode Island's landfill each month through a partnership involving more than 60 Rhode Island businesses and more than 300 schools and other educational and community organizations.

Second Harvest

solicits and distributes more than one billion pounds of food and grocery products to Americans in need **each year**.

DEFINITIONS FOR THIS GUIDE

Materials:

A synonym for *commodities, goods, or products*.

Materials Exchange:

A network "service" that helps to redirect unwanted equipment, overruns, rejects, and other materials from businesses to other businesses, not-for-profits, schools, community groups, and others that need the materials. These material exchanges usually have a catalog or computer listing of materials wanted and materials available and often have a staff available to help facilitate the exchange of materials. This term is often used synonymously with "waste exchange."

Recycling:

A process of collecting a product or material, separating and processing it and then returning it to the economic mainstream in the form of raw materials; or remelting into a new finished good.

Refurbishing:

A process of making "cosmetic" changes to update the appearance of a product, such as cleaning, changing fabric, painting or refinishing.

This term is often associated with used office furniture and differs from remanufacturing in that none of the structural parts of the product are replaced.

Remanufacturing:

The process of restoring used durable products to “new” condition, to be used in their original function, by replacing worn or damaged parts.

Reuse:

The use of a product or material again in its original form or with little enhancement or change to be utilized again for the same purpose.

Source Reduction:

The practice of reducing the amount of materials used through re-designing products, changing manufacturing processes, changing purchasing habits, and reusing materials, in order to minimize the quantity and/or toxicity of waste produced from a product or process. This term is often used synonymously with “waste reduction.”

Waste Exchange:

A network “service” functioning the same way as a “materials exchange,” redirecting waste materials back into the manufacturing or reuse process by matching companies generating specific wastes with companies that use those wastes as manufacturing inputs. This term is often used synonymously with “materials exchange.”

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NEW BUSINESS NOTIFICATION FORM

If you know a resource that was not listed in this guide, please return this prepaid card to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I. We'll contact them to update this list.

I know of a great place to go for:

Commodity _____ Material exchange _____
Reuse directory _____ Repair _____
Newspaper Listing _____ Other _____

Name: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Here's what they do: _____



Thank you for
your response!

please tear here before mailing

**Do you know of a Reuse resource
that is not listed in this guide?**