



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul Donation Guidelines

When friends donate unusable or hazardous goods to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the cost to properly dispose of these items reduces funding that could otherwise support our efforts in caring for individuals and families in need. Please follow these guidelines make your donation go further. In general, all donated items should be **gently used, clean, and in working condition**.

### Checklist

- ☐ Is my Furniture in good shape?
- ☐ Does my furniture have stains, rips, tears, or pet hair?
- ☐ are any of my items painted with lead-based paint?
- ☐ Has this toy been recalled?
- ☐ Are my items damaged?
- ☐ Do my sports, medical and exercise equipment meet [Consumer Product Safety Commission \(CPSC\)](#)?
- ☐ Have all stuffed animals been washed before donating?
- ☐ Have all toddler toys been sanitized and cleaned before donating?
- ☐ Donors are encouraged to review the and announcements before donating. Items that have been recalled cannot be donated to or sold by St. Vincent de Paul.
- ☐ Do my electronic items, small appliances, and battery-operated items working?

### We Cannot Accept:

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| • household hazardous waste items like opened cleaners, fluorescent lamps, or paint | • Doors  | • Motor oil                    |
| • Baby cribs, strollers, play pens or car seats                                     | • Drapery rods   | • Paint or paint thinner       |
| • Box springs and mattresses o  | • Encyclopedia's, magazines or law books                         | • Pianos                       |
| • sleeper sofas   | • Fax machines   | • Porcelain commodes and sinks |
| • Carpet or padding   | • Fertilizer   | • Press board furniture        |
| • Copy machines   | • Fiberglass bath tubs and showers                               | • Printers                     |
| • Cassettes and VHS   | • Gasoline   | • Refrigerators                |
| • Computers   | • Glass or unframed mirrors                                      | • Screens                      |
|   | • Large TV's (unless it's a flat screen) or entertainment center | • Tires                        |
|   |  | • Typewriters                  |
|   |  | • Waterbeds                    |
|   |  | • Windows or window blinds     |
|   |  | • Word processors              |

Since many of these donations will be given to our friends in the community, please donate items your own family would enjoy using and feel comfortable wearing. If you are unsure whether or not the item you are interested in donating is appropriate or you have further questions, please email our Program Manager at [rhonda.stepherson@svdphouston.org](mailto:rhonda.stepherson@svdphouston.org).