

THRIFT DONATION FAQS

HOW DO I DONATE?

- Stop by our shop at 114 Elmer Street, 1st Floor, to drop off donations.

ARE DONATIONS TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

- Yes. Please request a receipt from a staff member.

WHAT MAY I DONATE?

- Clothing - women's, men's, teen's, children of all ages
- Shoes & accessories, including handbags, hats and jewelry
- Bedding & Curtains - must be clean and free of stains
- Books
- Home decor
- Housewares — small appliances, dishes, china, glassware, pots and pans, cooking utensils, etc.
- Small furniture — side tables, dining chairs (We have limited storage, so please keep size in mind when considering donations)
- Sporting goods

HOW MANY ITEMS MAY I DONATE?

- Currently, there is no limit on donations.

WHEN CAN I DROP OFF DONATIONS?

- We accept donations September through June, as we follow the Westfield Schools calendar. Donations may be dropped off during our shop hours:
 - o Tuesday - Friday 9:30 am to 4:00 pm
 - o Saturday - 10 am to 3 pm

ARE THERE ANY ITEMS YOU DO NOT ACCEPT?

- Yes! So glad you asked! We do not accept just one shoe. We need both. Same goes for earrings. No holey tees. No shirts with underarm stains. No moth-eaten sweaters. No books with broken spines. No broken toys; we are not Santa's elves. Not that we have anything against elves, we just don't have a repair workshop. You'd be surprised what shows up in our shop or on the front porch! (All of the aforementioned and then some!) We could go on, but it's best to stop here. Use your best judgment. If it's not something you'd buy, chances are others won't either. Just please don't bring us damaged goods. We beg of you. Here's more of what we do not accept...
- No electronic devices.
- Large furniture
- Magazines

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY ITEMS ONCE I DROP THEM OFF?

- Volunteers sort through and price items. If they are in season, they are put out on the floor for sale. If they are out of season, they are stored in our limited storage area until a later date.
- Some items that may not sell in our shop may be donated to other charity organizations. Damaged goods usually end up in the garbage. (See note above.)
- Towels go to animal rescue groups.

WHAT IS THE MONEY GENERATED FROM THE SALE OF MY DONATED ITEMS USED FOR?

- Net sales proceeds from sales of the Thrift Shop and Consignment Shop benefit other nonprofit and service organizations in Westfield and Union County. Thanks to you, we have been able to grant more than \$2.8 million since 1941. That's a lot of used clothing, toys and other stuff! Read more about this year's grant recipients using the link on our home page.
- A small portion helps pay for a mostly part-time staff, who work alongside dozens of volunteers.

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- We reserve the right to close due to inclement weather. We don't want to get out of bed on cold, wet snowy days and we're pretty sure you don't either, so that's why we close when the weather is bad. Also, we want to keep our employees safe. To check if we are closed due to bad weather, visit our website, Instagram feed or Facebook page. Or you can call. If no one answers, that's your answer.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS OR WANT TO KNOW MORE?

- Sign up for our weekly newsletter on our website (Home or Thrift Shop pages) or in person at the shops to get the latest Weekly News.
- Call us at 908-233-2530