

# **Donation Guide:**

Find out what we would love to receive!

Every donation you make to Goodwill goes towards enhancing the lives of persons with disabilities. In fact, 89% of our revenues go towards helping Albertans with disabilities find meaningful employment.

# **GOOD** donations

- New and gently used clothing that is laundered and clean
- Footwear
- Housewares
- Linens and furnishings
- Furniture
- Sporting equipment
- Artwork
- Collectibles

- Jewellery & accessories
- Holiday items
- Toys
- Games
- Books and media
- Bags
- Purses
- Towels





We recycle unpurchased donations to minimize waste.





Revenue from sales supports employment and training.

Your donations are processed by Goodwill employees, many of whom have disabilities.

Goodwill sells donated items in our retail stores.



Albertans with disabilities find meaningful employment, enriching our community.

2019

85%



**Diverted waste** 

from landfills

Re-use

Recycle

2018 2017 81% **78%** 

15,891,037 kgs

13,055,595 kgs

12,358,567 kgs

#### Goodwill Industries cares about Alberta.

Donate and shop with us today, and you'll help strengthen families and communities through the power of work and the dignity of a job



# **NOT so GOOD donations**

Some items, especially safety-related items for young children, have specific legislation against their resale to ensure the items meet required safety standards.

### Items legislated against resale

- Baby gates and enclosures, swings, walkers, bath seats and bath rings
- · Strollers and carriages
- Playpens
- Highchairs
- · Bed and safety rails for children's beds
- Cribs and cradles
- · Booster seats and car seats
- · Bike and sports helmets
- Hockey face protectors
- Lawn darts

- · Large wooden playsets
- · Horizontal blinds with cords
- · Tanning equipment
- · Children's jewellery
- Children's sleepwear or clothing with drawstrings
- Used cosmetics
- Personal stereo systems (portable disc players, mp3 players, iPods)
- · Toys with magnets
- Toyboxes without lid stops

### Some items require testing we cannot perform

- · Large appliances, including fridges
- Computer monitors and printers

- Laptops
- Ceiling fans

#### Other items are only accepted when in their bag/box

- Air mattresses (must be new)
- Christmas trees

Tents

### We also cannot accept illegal items

- Guns and ammunition
- Replica guns or play guns, such as paintball BB, or pellet
- Fireworks



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While we'd love to take all donations, there are some items that we just can't accept. To keep our customers safe, please find other destinations for the items below.

## Potentially hazardous items

- Aerosols
- Cleaners and chemicals
- Paint
- Barbeques

- Gas-powered lawn mowers, trimmers and snowblowers
- Fluorescent and ceiling lights
- Lava lamps

## Items that create health and safety risks for staff or new owners

- Bed frames with springs (metal) and bunk beds
- Waterbeds
- Hide-a-beds
- Desks with metal bases/parts
- · Upholstered furniture
- Mattresses
- · Vertical blinds with cords
- Curtain rods
- Pianos
- Building supplies and construction materials
- Car parts
- Motors
- Toilets

- Sinks
- Halogen lamps
- · Console, tube or non-flat screen televisions
- Carpeting
- Linoleum rolls and underlay
- Water coolers
- · Wet or soiled clothing or furniture
- Medical supplies
- · Personal care items
- Bicycles
- Ski and snowboard equipment with bindings
- Swing sets

