

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR STUFF

DECLUTTER CHEAT SHEET

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- 1. Good Will or Salvation Army.** Most communities have a Good Will Thrift Store or something similar that you can donate to.
- 2. Local Women's Shelter.** Call and see what types of items they may need.
- 3. Animal Shelter or Animal Rescue.** Animal shelters are often in need of old bedding for the animals – sheets, blankets, etc.
- 4. Appalachian Community Center.** My husband and I run a Community Center where we give away food, clothing, and household items twice a week. If you'd like to donate, you can send packages to: {USPS} Appalachian Community Center, c/o Melissa Ringstaff, PO Box 1020, Harlan, KY 40831.
- 5. Homeless Shelter.** Call and see what they can use. My husband and I take boxes of purses and totes to a homeless shelter each month because the homeless need bags to carry things in.
- 6. Used Book Store.** My favorite used bookstore is McKay's in Knoxville, TN. It's amazing. So, anytime I can bring in some books/ CD's/ DVD's/Games for trade and get in-store credit, I'm happy!
- 7. Homeschool Classifieds.** If you homeschool, you can either take your used books to a bookstore like the one above, or post them for sale on HomeschoolClassifieds.com.
- 8. Gift a friend or family member.** Some of your no longer needed items could bless a friend or family member!

9. Freecycle Network. Freecycle is a program where you can post things you have that you want to give away {or see if you can find something you need}. You can see if your community or surrounding area has a Freecycle Network in your area on their website.

10. Craigslist or Ebay. I've sold quite a bit of stuff on Craigslist and Ebay over the years. Plus, you can list FREE stuff that you just want to give away on Craigslist, too!

11. Half.com. The first year that Half.com existed my husband and I made \$5000.00 selling books. We don't list as many books anymore, but it's a great way to make some extra cash!

12. Yard Sale. I remember the year we moved back east, we had a yard sale before we moved and made SO much money. It was so exciting we kept going into the house looking for more stuff we could part with. Whether you get that excited about having a yard sale or not... it's a great way to make a little extra cash for your family. If you feel you can spare the cash and want to donate it, a yard sale is a great way to help raise money for a worthy cause.

13. Consignment Shops. If you have a consignment shop in your area, they can really be a great way to make a little money on gently used clothing and baby items.

14. Used Eyeglasses can be donated, too. We take our used glasses to a local eye doctor who collects them.

15. Dress for Success. This organization provides low-income women with business attire to help them get a job.