## **Furniture Recycling**

Below is a listing of organizations in need of used furniture/mattresses:

- **The Salvation Army:** This international organization has been serving families in need since the 1860s, and today maintains thrift stores and charity shops across the United States. The Salvation Army offers free furniture pickup services for anyone donating a mattress; goods may also be dropped off in person at any location that receives used goods. Donations to the Salvation Army are tax-deductible; single mattresses are valued between \$15 and \$35, while double mattresses are valued between \$12.50 and \$75.
  - Free furniture pickup services
  - Salvation Army's tax deduction value guide
- Habitat for Humanity International: HFHI is an international nonprofit organization that strives to provide sustainable and affordable living accommodations for people in need. The organization accepts a wide range of gently used household good and furnishings, including mattresses. HFHI sells donated goods at 'ReStore' home improvement centers located across the country; to donate a mattress to HFHI, contact the nearest ReStore facility and let them know you have a mattress to donate. You may drop off the mattress in person; many ReStore locations offer free furniture pickup, as well.
  - Donate goods to Habitat ReStore
- Furniture Bank Association of America: The FBA's mission is to provide home furnishings "at little or no cost" to individuals and families living in poverty. The association operates nearly 80 donation centers in North America. Households are welcome to donate old mattresses to the FBA, although pickup services are limited to a 15-20 mile radius of the nearest bank's brick-and-mortar location; contact the nearest bank to see if pickup services are available. The association will make exceptions for large commercial or institutional donations; banks will usually drive up to three hours for these furniture pickups, and some banks have large semi-trailers capable of traveling up to 450 miles for large donations.
  - Furniture Bank Association
- **Goodwill:** This American charity organization provides job training and employment placement services for people who face certain barriers in the job market. Goodwill also operates more than 3,200 thrift stores and donation centers across the country; in 2015, roughy 85% of revenue generated from donated goods was used to expand the organization's professional development and community outreach programs. At this time, Goodwill does not accept used mattresses or box springs; however, you are welcome to

donate mattress pads, bed frames, bedding and linens.

• Goodwill donor guidelines

Check out this Mattress Disposal Guide for full information on donating/disposing of used mattresses!

Additionally, you will often be able to donate an old or used mattress to a local charity organization. The website DonationTown.org allows visitors to search for local organizations that accept used mattresses and other household furnishings. These may include:

- Homeless shelters
- Women's and family shelters
- Locally owned thrift stores