



A Waste Awareness Installation

TRASH RESCUE GUIDELINES

GOAL: Rescue gently-used items from the trash following these simple guidelines.

WHAT?

- Media: books, CDs, DVDs
- Clothes: including shoes, boots, belts, handbags, coats, hats, scarves, gloves, jewelry
- Housewares: including cooking utensils, dishes, glassware, picture frames, area carpets, pottery, decorative objects
- Small home appliances: including alarm clocks, answering machines, coffee machines, toaster ovens, can openers, blenders, coffee grinders
- Consumer electronics: including digital computers, cameras, calculators
- Furniture: including cocktail tables, end tables, chairs, high chairs, cribs, lamps, shelving
- Toys: bikes and trikes, plastic dolls and figures, board games, sports equipment
- Etc: hand tools and art supplies

Please no!!!: undergarments, food stuffs, glass, potted plants, chemicals, paints, towels, linens, pillows, stuffed animals

WHERE?

1. Curbside – especially on weekends when people do cleaning or have yard sales.
2. Apartment or condominium trash rooms - especially 3 days before the first of the month (when people move).
3. Near dumpsters (but not in!)

HOW? (follow these rules)

1. Do not go onto private property – rescue trash from curbside or common trash areas only. **Please no!!!** rummaging through trash cans or dumpster diving.
2. “Gently-used” means anything that is still in good and usable condition. The item does not have to be something you like or want but it cannot be filthy, stained, broken, with sharp edges, ripped, smelly or dangerous. If you are uncomfortable touching it, don’t!
3. Even if your trash rescue appears to be clean, inspect it for hidden critters.
4. Take your trash rescue home but leave it outside or in your garage until you have wiped it down with a damp cloth or vacuumed it.
5. All trash rescues must weigh less than 20 pounds and measure no more than 36” x 36” x 36”.
6. **Important!!** Document each trash item at its rescue site with a digital camera or digital video recorder to prove that it was actually thrown away.

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