

☯ LIVING WITH LESS ☯

Sixth Edition

Cleaning? Moving? Making room? Redecorating? Tidying the yard? Here are some ways to sell, recycle, donate and diminish your stuff. Calling before taking materials is wise. PL=Port Ludlow, PH=Port Hadlock, PT=Port Townsend.

APPLIANCES

Note - Refrigerators and freezers contain freon which, if not disposed of properly, will damage the ozone layer.

- Furniture and More Store, Habitat for Humanity - see Furniture. Takes working appliances five years or newer.
- Poulsbo Recycle Center - 21868 NW Viking Way and Highway 305, 360-779-1044, Tues. - Sat. 8-3:30. Takes refrigerators, dishwashers, washing machines, hot water tanks, stoves, microwaves, etc. for \$16.50 apiece. Customers must unload; call ahead to ensure space is available in enclosure.
- Solid Waste Transfer Station - see Trash. Takes refrigerators and freezers for \$19.81 apiece, others charged by weight.
- See also - Thrift Stores.

ANTIQUES

- The Antique Company, 10894 Rhody Dr., PH, 385-9522. Buys or barter for well-maintained early 20th century or older furniture. Also considers china and porcelain in fine condition.

BOATS, BOATING EQUIPMENT

- Marine Exchange, 2706 Washington St., inside the Port of Port Townsend, 385-4237. Buys, trades or takes marine gear, tools and dinghies on consignment, usual cut is 30%.
- Sea Scouts, c/o Dennis Madson, 437-5156. Accepted donations are sold through Wooden Boat Foundation of PT, with profits used for local Sea Scout group. Tax deductible.

BOOKS

- Insatiables, 821 Washington St., PT, 385-9262. Buys old, collectible and technical books.
- Jefferson County Library, 620 Cedar Ave., PH, 385-6544. Takes donations. Books it can't add to its collection are sold by the Friends of the Library, and profits used for other library needs.
- Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding - see Tools. Takes donations of nautical books for its community resource library.
- Port Townsend Library, 1220 Lawrence St., PT, 385-3181. Same policy as Jefferson County Library, above.
- William James Bookseller, 829 Water St., PT, 385-7313. Buys used books on Mon. and Thurs. 11-4.

BUILDING MATERIALS

- Waste Not Want Not, 304 10th St., PT Boat Haven, 379-6838. Takes doors, windows, cabinets, light fixtures, toilets, tools, architectural salvage. Will pay for items of higher value. May pick up.

CELL PHONES

Note - Cell phones are usually discarded long before their useful life is over. They can be refurbished and resold, or deactivated, reprogrammed and donated to domestic violence agencies. Both approaches keep them out of landfills.

- Jefferson Recycle Center - see Trash. Recycles cell phones, chargers and rechargeable batteries at no charge.
- Cell phones, accessories and their batteries can often be returned to retail stores such as Verizon Wireless at no charge, sometimes regardless of manufacturer or carrier. Check at www.recyclewirelessphones.com

CLOTHING

- ARC (Advocates for Rights of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities), 1-800-613-0813. Takes all clothing. Will pick up. Tax deductible.
- Fancy Feathers, 910 Water St., PT, 385-1414. Consignment store. Takes men's and women's clothing, some

shoes and accessories, on Tues.-Fri. 10:30-5. Clothes must be washed, ironed, on hangers, with no holes or stains.

- The Wandering Wardrobe, 823 Washington St., PT, 379-4691. Consignment store. Takes seasonal men's and women's clothing, shoes and accessories, up to ten items at a time in good condition, Mon.-Fri. 11-3.
- Working Image OlyCAP, 385 Benedict St, PT, 385-2571. Provides interview-appropriate clothing to low-income women seeking employment. Donations must be washed, ironed or dry cleaned. Not accepted: undergarments, used cosmetics, jeans, used pantyhose, men's clothing, sweats. Tax deductible.
- See also - Thrift Stores.

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Note - Most electronics contain hazardous materials such as lead, cadmium and mercury. Electronics in landfills leach toxins and contaminate soil and groundwater; incinerated ones pollute the air. There is no EPA certification process for e-waste recyclers, nor any U.S. ban on e-waste exports. Our recycling may become another nation's environmental problem; ask for documentation about where and how materials are recycled to ensure they are responsibly handled. Before donating equipment, you must call ahead to ensure it is acceptable. Unusable units divert valuable program dollars to pay recycling fees. Before donation or disposal, it is wise to erase personal data. For evolving disposal information, see also <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/swd/takeitback/>.

- Dave Conklin, 344-3383, places newer computer equipment with deserving local families, and with those affected by Hurricane Katrina.
- Goodwill - see Thrift Stores. Accepts working computer systems, printers, scanners, fax machines, no monitors.
- Jefferson Recycle Center - see Trash. Recycles electronics for .35/lb. to Total Reclaim, Inc., Seattle.
- www.greendisk.com - Recycles "techno trash," including computers, pagers, videotapes, CDs, DVDs and their jewel cases, via prepaid boxes and mailing labels, with U.S. Postal Service pickup. See website.

EYEGASSES

Note: National eye care chains such as For Eyes, LensCrafters and Pearle Vision also recycle glasses to needy persons.

- Elks Club, c/o labeled bin at Bay Club, 120 Spinnaker Pl., PL.
- Kiwanis Club, c/o labeled bin at Pacific Optical, 2029 E. Sims Way, PT, 385-9580.

FABRIC AND YARN

- Project Linus, c/o Boni Parker, 43 S. Stromberg Ave., PT, 379-5535. Takes washable yarn and solid or child-friendly print material. Volunteers make quilts and blankets which are donated to Seattle Children's Hospital. Can pick up.

FURNITURE AND HOUSEWARES

- Furniture and More Store, Habitat for Humanity, 2001 W. Sims Way, PT, 385-9653, Wed. and Sat. 10-4, Fri. 12-5. Takes furniture and housewares in good condition. Call 379-2827 to schedule pick ups. Tax deductible.
- See also - Thrift Stores.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (NO CHARGE FOR DISPOSAL)

Note - Common cleaners, chemicals and auto products may be hazardous to store and dangerous to you and to the environment. Such waste is either flammable, corrosive, reactive, toxic or a combination of these characteristics. In general, any product labeled with the words *Caution*, *Warning*, *Danger*, *Toxic*, or *Poison* can be considered hazardous. Disposal of this waste in your garbage is prohibited by State and County regulations. The average house contains more than 60 hazardous products.

Adhesives, Aerosol Sprays, Antifreeze, Batteries (Auto or Rechargeable), Fuels, Fluorescent Bulbs, Garden and Lawn Chemicals, Motor Oil (Contaminated), Propane Bottles [put empties in trash], Oil-based Paint, Solvents

- Moderate Risk Waste Facility, inside Port Townsend Industrial Park, across from McDonald's, PT, 379-6911. Fri. and Sat. 10-4:30.

Batteries (Alkaline and Lithium)

- Poulsbo Recycle Center - see Appliances.

Latex Paint

- If unable to give the paint away, dry it out by opening the can (away from children and animals) and letting the water evaporate. You can speed this process by adding kitty litter, sawdust or Quikrete and stirring until the liquid is absorbed. When paint is solid, throw away in your regular garbage.

Motor Oil and Antifreeze (Used)

- Jefferson Recycle Center, Jacob Miller Rd., PT, 385-0404. Mon.-Sat. 9-4:30.
- Port Hadlock Marina, 310 Hadlock Bay Rd., PH, 385-6368. Daily 8-5.
- Port Ludlow Marina Store (Oil only), 1 Gull Drive, PL, 437-0513. Sun.-Thurs. 8-7. Ask for key.

INK-JET AND LASER TONER CARTRIDGES

Note - It takes 2 ½ ounces of oil to produce the plastic in a new inkjet cartridge. National chains Office Depot, OfficeMax and Staples all collect used printer cartridges for recycling.

- Olympic Printer Resources, Kingston, 1-800-689-5488. Takes cartridges for recycling, sells reconditioned items at a discounted price. Call to confirm your make, model #. Free pickup and delivery with a \$50+ order.

JUNK MAIL

- Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Assoc., PO Box 643, Carmel, NY 10512. Send your name and address and ask to be placed on their do-not-mail roster. Good for five years, but not used by all marketers to purge lists.
- To remove your name from credit card and insurance solicitation lists, call OPTOUT at 1-888-567-8688.
- Write "Remove this name and address from your mailing list" on undesired mail solicitations and return in the envelope provided.

MAGAZINES

- Jefferson General Hospital, 834 Sheridan Ave., PT, 385-2200. Takes recent "family" magazines at the front desk in the lower lobby. Okay to leave in a bag or box on the back counter if no one is there.
- Port Townsend Library - see Books. Takes recent magazines for free exchange.
- See also - Recycling.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

- ECHHO (Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization), 1111 Franklin, PT, 379-3246. Takes durable medical equipment (walkers, canes, hospital beds, recliners, crutches, etc.). Makes no-charge equipment loans via social service agencies. Can pick up. Tax deductible.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

- Instruments for Youth, c/o Andy Mackie, 390-4454 or 316-9556. Takes musical instruments, especially stringed, and places with local elementary and high schools for students. Tax deductible.

OUTDOOR SPORTS GEAR

- The Wilderrest, 929 Water St., PT, 379-9013. Takes clean, usable equipment and outer clothing for hiking, camping, paddling, snowboarding, XC skiing and snowshoeing on consignment, splits sale 50/50. Daily 10-7.

PACKING MATERIALS

- Coyote Found Candles, 31 Workman St., PT, 385-4142. Takes foam peanuts only. Uses or donates.
- Mail and More (Post Office), 46 Village Way, PL, 437-2939. Takes foam peanuts, bubble wrap. Gives away.
- "Motivated individual," PT. Contact Christopher for drop-off site, 385-0655. Takes block polystyrene (white material composed of small bonded pellets used for shipping electronic equipment), foam peanuts. Small donation appreciated to offset transportation costs to Portland recycling center.
- The UPS Store, 2023 E. Sims Way, PT, 385-7447. Takes foam peanuts, bubble wrap. Resells.

PLASTIC BAGS

- Donate larger bags to thrift stores for reuse (see list below).
- Newspaper sleeves may be returned periodically in a delivery box to the carrier for reuse.
- Recycle at deposit boxes in Central Market, QFC and Safeway.

PLASTIC PLANT POTS

- Gardens at Four Corners, 321 Four Corners Rd., PT, 379-0807. Takes round and square pots 6" across (one gallon size) and larger, as well as plastic trays. Reuses and donates.

RECYCLING

Note - If a bin is full, go to another site or come back later. Leaving items outside of boxes is unsightly, illegal and punishable by fine. Call 385-7678 with any recycling questions. Curbside collection of recyclables is available for a fee from your trash company.

Cans (no loose lids), Corrugated (not waxed), Glass (Brown, Clear and Green), Magazines/Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Plastic Water or Soda Bottles (PET #1), Plastic Detergent, Dish Soap, Juice, Kitty Litter and Vitamin Bottles (HDPE #2)

- Jefferson Recycle Center (Transfer Station) - see Trash. No charge for drop-off of correct recyclable materials.
- Drop boxes are in the following locations: Kala Point outdoor storage lot; Port Hadlock, across from Sheriff's Office; Port Ludlow Village Center parking area; PT Post Office (rear of building, mixed paper only).

THRIFT STORES

Note - Leaving materials outside closed stores causes theft, ugliness and extra costs. Unusable items divert store resources to landfill fees. The following stores are all tax deductible, and take usable clothing, furniture, housewares and small working appliances.

- Children's Hospital Thrift Store, 2120 Sims Way, PT, 385-6639, Open Mon.-Sat 9:30-5:30, Sun. 9:30-4.
- Community Thrift Store, 1433 Sims Way, PT, 385-6926. Closed weekends.
- Goodwill, 602 Howard St., PT, 385-6600. Open Mon.-Sat. 9-8, Sun. 10-6.
- Jefferson Better Living Center (The Free Store), 1505 Franklin St., PT, 385-4057, Tues and Thurs. 10-3.
- Northwest Passage Thrift Shoppe, 10632 Rhody Dr., PH, 379-3648. Open Mon.-Sat. 10-5.

TOOLS

- Furniture and More Store, Habitat for Humanity - see Furniture. Takes most hand and working power tools.
- Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding, 42 N. Water St., PH, 379-8007. Donations it doesn't need are sold, and profits used for other school expenses. Industrial clamps are always wanted.

TRASH

Note - Our garbage is consolidated in PT and hauled by truck and rail to a landfill in Klickitat County, eastern WA.

- Solid Waste Transfer Station, 325 Landfill Rd., off Jacob Miller Rd., PT, 385-3194, Mon.-Sat., 9-4:30. Vehicles weighed going in and out. \$113.96/ton, \$4.95 flat fee up to 80 lb.

YARD DEBRIS

Note - To learn when compost is available for sale, call 385-7908.

- PT Bio-Solids Composting Facility at the Transfer Station - see Trash. Free drop-off of leaves, branches and grass clippings. No dirt, sod, rocks or stumps.



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