

ReStore Donation Policy

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1.0 Purpose

Thank you for considering Genesee County Habitat for Humanity for your charitable donation!

Please note that the following information is meant to serve as a general guide for donors. Acceptable items are subject to change. Legal restrictions and limited storage capacity prevent the acceptance of some items.

2.0 Rationale

Due to ReStore capacity, all donations must be clean and in good working condition. We are unable to do repairs or refurbish items, so all items must be fully functioning. Our donation retrieval team will assess contributions in the field, and reserve the right to decline donations, either in part or entirety, if they determine the items fail to meet guidelines upon inspection.

3.0 Policy

Genesee County Habitat for Humanity ReStore donations must adhere to the following standards:

Appliances

- Must be clean and in 100% working condition
- Must have all knobs, trays, burners, shelves, etc.
- No rust or missing pieces, knobs, or handles

Bath

- Sinks must be clean, in reusable condition with no cracks, rust yellowing or chipping
- Vanity cabinets must have no rot or mold and must be fully assembled with all doors, drawers attached. Do not dismantle cabinets prior to donation, please!
- Toilets must include tank lid and be clean
- Only new faucets
- Jetted tubs must be in 100% working order and with all parts and pieces
- Framed medicine cabinets
- Shower bases, shower stalls and bathroom hardware
- We will not accept cast iron bathtubs, used shower doors, or unframed mirror/glass medicine cabinets

Cabinets

- Must be free of rot and mold and be in usable condition
- Must have 5 or more matching cabinets
- Only complete cabinets with all doors and drawers
- We do not accept cabinet doors or drawers by themselves
- We will not accept dismantled cabinets.

Carpet / Linoleum

- Only new carpet and carpet padding will be accepted; no small remnants; must be 12' or shorter to qualify for ReStore pickup

Chemicals

- New, unopened and in date chemicals such as contact cement, gout, joint compound, mineral spirits are accepted on a case-by-case basis
- No toxic, hazardous chemicals will be accepted

Countertops

- Acrylic, ceramic, formica, granite, laminate and marble/cultured marble countertops
- Straight, regular pieces only—no angled, odd “L” and “U” shaped pieces, please
- No bathroom countertops longer than 5’ and no kitchen pieces longer than 10’
- Stone countertops must be light enough for two people to move

Doors

- Good condition, free of all damage
- Must not have rot, cracks, or separating
- Whole doors only; no glass or screen by themselves
- Frames accepted only with pre-hung matching door; no solo frames
- No commercial, accordion, mirror or slab non-paneled doors

Drywall/ hardy board

- Full or half sheets only
- No water damage

Electrical fixtures

- Light fixtures must be 100% working condition
- We accept **new** electrical parts, lights, wire, outlets, switches and hardware
- Must be clean and rust-free
- LED and halogen light bulbs
- No incandescent or fluorescent lights or shop light fixture or bulbs

Fencing

- Construction, garden and loose chain link fencing must be rolled and roped/taped
- Clean, individual vinyl fencing
- Wooden fence
- Wrought Iron

Fireplaces

- Fireplace tools
- Full screens
- Inserts and mantels
- Must be free of nails and screws

Flooring

- Hardwood flooring, linoleum squares, parquet, and vinyl squares must be new and in box
- Only new rolls of linoleum and vinyl rolls will be accepted; no small quantities or loose flooring is accepted

Furniture

- Furniture should be free of rips, tears, holes, water damage, and animal/environmental damage
- Acceptable items include standard bed frames, bookcases, chairs, china cabinets, dressers, end tables, small filing cabinets with keys, footboards, headboards, hutches, patio furniture, sewing machines, shelves, tables, and trunks.
- We do **not** accept baby furniture, cribs, cubicles/partitions/workstations, couches, entertainment centers, fish tanks, pianos, pool tables, or water beds

Gardening

- Arbors, fertilizer spreaders, hand tools, hoses (with no leaks, must be coiled), hose hangers and reels, lawnmowers (must be 100% in working order) pots, tomatoes cages, trellises, and wheelbarrows
- Trash bins must be clean

Glass

- No unframed glass accepted
- Glass tabletops are only accepted with base
- Plexiglass

Hardware/Tools

- General hardware must be new and in original packaging.
- Must be in good condition and rust-free
- Tools must be in good, usable condition with all required parts needed for full function
- Wooden, aluminum or fiberglass ladders are accepted; must condense down to 12' or shorter to qualify for ReStore pickup and must be in good working condition
- Power tools must be in 100% working order with no damage and must come with all parts required for function
- Cordless tools must include batteries and chargers

Kitchen

- Cabinets must be in good, reusable condition with no rot, water damage, or mold; must be fully assembled with all doors, drawers attached. Do not dismantle cabinets prior to donation, we will not reassemble.
- We do not accept cabinet doors or drawers by themselves.
- Sinks (bowl, bar, prep, top mount, under-mount, apron front, acrylic, composite, etc) must be clean & in usable condition with no cracks, rust, yellow or chips
- Acrylic, ceramic, granite, Formica, laminate, and marble/cultured marble countertops accepted. Straight, rectangular pieces only.
- No countertops longer than 10' and no angled, odd, "L" or "U" shaped pieces accepted.
- Stone countertops must be light enough for 2 people to move for pickup.
- Garbage disposals & ice makers are accepted but no handheld appliance
- Only new plumbing supplies are accepted including faucets

Lumber / Plywood / Siding / Trim

- Must be 4 feet or longer
- Must be free of rot, nails, and screws
- No warped or painted pieces
- Accept full and 1/2 sheets of plywood with no damage on corner and free of rot, water damage, nails, and screws
- Siding is accepted on a case-by-case basis only.
- Trim must be 4' or longer; free of rot, nails and screws.
- Only new baseboards are accepted; must be 12' or shorter for ReStore pickup

Mirrors

- Only framed mirrors are accepted

Roofing

- Shingles must be in complete packages
- Metal roofing in full lengths if possible
- Various roofing material is accepted on a case-by-case basis

Rugs

- Only new rugs or throw rugs will be accepted; must be shorter than 12' for ReStore pickup

Shelving

- Metal, wire, and wood shelving, as well as wooden bookcases, accepted, fully assembled
- No particle board shelving or custom built-in shelving (California closets)

Stones

- Bricks, cinder blocks, edgers, pavers, and bagged stones are accepted
- Must be free of mud and mortar with no broken or chipped pieces
- We do not accept loose rock in boxes or buckets
- No free form landscaping rocks/stones
- Large quantity ReStore pickups require stone to be palletized and a forklift on site for loading

Tile

- Accept clean ceramic, marble, porcelain, slate and vinyl tile, unused and in box quantity
- No broken, cracked or chipped pieces
- No used or small amounts of loose tile will be accepted

Wallpaper

- Only new rolls are accepted

Windows

- Dual-pane vinyl or fiberglass composite windows only; no single pane, wood or aluminum windows.
- Must be fully assembled with no cracked or missing panes.
- Whole windows only, no sashes or individual screens.
- Wood and vinyl shutters accepted; must be clean.
- New boxed wooden blinds only.
- No vertical, metal, mini, or used/loose blinds