

## **LOCAL RESOURCES:**

### **Auctions:**

Lettis, Oneonta, NY Kevin Herrick 607-432-3935  
Hesse, Otego NY, Jackie Hesse 607-988-2523

### **Books:**

Popeks Books, Otego NY 607-988-0032 [www.popeks.com](http://www.popeks.com)  
Some cafes and post offices do paperback book exchanges

### **Cell Phones:**

Verizon store Southside Rte 23, Oneonta  
YMCA, Ford Ave, Oneonta

### **Clothing:**

Catskill Area Hospice Thrift Store, 269 Main St., Oneonta  
Family Services, 277 Chestnut St, Oneonta  
Salvation Army, 105 Main St, Oneonta or 25 River St, Oneonta

### **Consignment Shops:**

Green Giraffe 607-369-3234 54 State Hwy 357, Unadilla  
Silks and Treasures 607-432-0587 11 Elm St, Oneonta  
SPCA, 4841 NY-28, Cooperstown 607-547-9462

### **Electronics:**

Edison Computers, 5375 State Hwy 7, Oneonta 607-432-9311  
CDs, DVDs, games system games: Maxwell's, 141 Main St. Oneonta. 607-432-4731

**Errands-** LEGS (Cooperstown only) 607-282-0795 errands, groceries

### **Glasses:**

Give the Gift of Sight Foundation , eye care centers, some banks, Elks club, Lions Clubs, or chains such as Pearle Vision Center, LensCrafters and Sunglass Hut often accept eyeglasses

### **Hazardous Materials:**

Collected in September annually for Otsego Co.  
call 607-547-4228 for Otsego Co., 607-746-2128 for Delaware Co.

### **Junk Removal:**

Anything Removal, Jason 607-267-0709  
(appliances, house/garage clean outs, yard waste, beds, and more)

### **Musical Instruments:**

Eighth Note 10 S. Main St, Oneonta 607-432-0344

**Other options:** (call to see what they can use)

ARC 607-432-8595  
Day care centers and schools  
Family Services, Oneonta 607-432-2870  
Habitat for Humanity 607-432-7874

Libraries  
OFO homeless shelter (W. Broadway, Oneonta)  
School drama clubs  
Senior centers

**Packing peanuts:**

Shipping Room 291 Chestnut St, Oneonta 607-433-0545

**Picture Frames:**

Morris Hall of Frames-607-263-9868 (Tom Meyers)

**Plastic Bags:**

Grocery Stores  
Walmart

**Quilt Appraisals:**

Kathryn Greenwold, Niskayuna NY 518-370-1667

**Shredding:**

Cintas Document Management- 800-480-7281 On site shredding. Boxes, bags, paperclips, staples, rubberbands all OK.  
OfficeMax

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**General Resources for Donations**

(Some places you can check in your own community)

Animal boarding kennels (old towels, blankets)  
Assisted living facilities (craft items, yarn)  
Day care centers and schools (school supplies)  
Habitat for Humanity (building materials, household items)  
Historical society  
Library (books)  
Salvation Army (clothes, books, household items, furniture)  
School drama clubs (vintage or unique clothing)  
Senior centers (craft items, yarn)

**NATIONAL RESOURCES:**

**BOOKS:**

[BlueRectangle.com](http://BlueRectangle.com) will buy back some of your books. Their prices aren't great and they don't take everything, but the site is easy and the shipping is free.

[BookCrossing.com](http://BookCrossing.com) is a fun way to "read and release" your books for others to find and enjoy. And two book-swapping sites are [PaperbackSwap.com](http://PaperbackSwap.com) and [BookMooch.com](http://BookMooch.com)

[OperationPaperback.org](http://OperationPaperback.org) sends new and gently used books to troops overseas and children's books to U.S. military families.

More ways to find new homes for books:

1. Sell them at a used bookstore.
2. Sell them on-line, on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) or another outlet.
3. Sell them at a garage sale.
4. Donate them to a thrift store. Salvation Army will take anything except Readers Digest condensed books and encyclopedias.
5. Donate them to a library.
6. Donate them to national organizations such as [Books for Africa](#), [Books for Soldiers](#), [Operation Paperback](#) (which also involves sending books to troops serving overseas), and [Books Behind Bars](#).
7. Swap them using one of the many on-line services, such as [Bookins](#), [BookMooch](#), [FrugalReader](#), [Novel Action](#), [PaperBackSwap](#), [Readers United](#), [TitleTrader](#), [WhatsOnMyBookshelf?](#), and [Zunafish](#). Some local businesses have shelves for swapping books.
8. Register with [BookCrossing](#), and "release your books into the wild" - leave them for someone else to find.
9. Prison Libraries

## **CLOTHING:**

As long as a garment is at least 95 percent polyester, Patagonia will recycle it. For more information, see their website at [www.patagonia.com/recycle](http://www.patagonia.com/recycle).

Careergear.com wants suits and ties for disadvantaged men looking for jobs.

Formal dresses: Charities like Chicago's [Glass Slipper Project](#) and New York City's [Operation Fairy Dust](#) accept donated gowns, shoes and purses to provide free prom wear to low-income teens. Books such as "Always a Bridesmaid: 89 Ways to Recycle That Bridesmaid Dress" offer tongue-in-cheek recycling advice to every woman who has a hideous gown buried at the back of her closet.

[TheRealReal.com](http://TheRealReal.com) - it's an online consignment store and they list the labels they're looking for- generally expensive clothing that falls under "art to wear" or "collectible couture"

## **ELECTRONICS:**

[www.mygreenelectronics.org](http://www.mygreenelectronics.org)

[www.cristina.org](http://www.cristina.org)

## **FREE:**

**Freecycle™** is a nonprofit, online network of local groups that promote giving (and receiving) stuff for free. This is a great resource when you have something that your favorite local charity can't use or won't pick up. Rather than adding it to the landfill, you can recycle unwanted items by offering your items to your local online group. It costs nothing to join or participate, and there are active groups all over the world.

[Freecycle.org](http://Freecycle.org)

## **FURNITURE:**

Furniture for victims of natural disasters: Give used sofas, tables, etc. to the National Furniture Bank Assoc. ([furniturebanks.org](http://furniturebanks.org)) to help those hit by storms, floods and quakes.

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Give the [Gift of Sight Foundation](#) , eye care centers, some banks, Elks club, Lions Clubs, or chains such as Pearle Vision Center, LensCrafters and Sunglass Hut often accept eyeglasses.

**MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS:**

Art-Start.org 212-966-7807 Materials for the Arts [mfta.org](#) 718-729-3001 718-729-2065 [donations@mfta.nyc.gov](mailto:donations@mfta.nyc.gov) or [GiveKidsYourInstruments.org](#) Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation [MHOpus.org](#)

**PHONES:**

[www.pacebutler.com](#) print free shipping label from website. Phones and batteries only- no accessories or chargers. 1-800-248-5360

Call to Protect® collects wireless phones to benefit victims of domestic violence. Prior to donation please deactivate your phone service and erase personal information

Mail the phone(s) directly to: CALL TO PROTECT  
2555 Bishop Circle West  
Dexter, MI 48130

March of Dimes® collects cell phones . You can download a free shipping label at their website.

Cell Phones for Soldiers collects phones, recycles them and buys phone cards with the goal to help our soldiers serving overseas call home.

Call2Recycle™ can help you recycle your old cell phones as well as used portable rechargeable batteries (commonly found in cordless power tools, cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, camcorders, digital cameras, and remote control toys).

**RECYCLING:**

Enter item and zip code for recycling options: [www.1800recycling.com](#)  
[www.recyclenation.com](#)

Earth911.com has lots of ideas of things you can make to recycle household items

**SHOES:**

Sneakers: Nike's [Reuse-a-Shoe](#) program turns used athletic footwear (no cleats) into a material called Nike Grind, used to surface playgrounds, running tracks and outdoor courts. Send your shoes to...

Nike Recycling Center  
c/o Reuse-A-Shoe  
26755 SW 95<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Wilsonville, OR 97070

Or send your still-wearable athletic shoes to [Shoe4Africa](#), ([www.shoe4africa.org](#)) which forwards them to athletes in developing countries.

To donate gently worn or new shoes, consider: [soles4souls.org](#)

**SOLDIERS:**

CARE PACKAGES- can be sent to troops overseas through [AnySoldier.com](#).

**TOYS:**

Ask your local shelter for homeless families or battered women, the Salvation Army and Vietnam Veterans of America if they accept gently used toys.

There are federal regulations limiting donations of used toys due to problems with lead. Please check with the organization prior to donating to see what they are accepting.

**TROPHIES AND PLAQUES:**

www.tcretrophy.net refurbishes and donates or sells your old trophies.  
612-670-7656