
Donating items to charity?

You've cleaned out the basement, garage and closets, or outgrown your wardrobe/sports equipment, or you're moving. Whatever the reason is, you've got stuff to get rid of. When offering items to charity, it's important to sort before you donate. Consider the following tips:

Do...

- sort/examine items confirming they are clean, in very good condition, in working order, can be sold or reused;
- consider and obey sanitary, health/safety regulations;
- contact intended charity to make sure they accept your items;
- drop off items during business hours



Don't...

- give charities items that are not reusable, are broken, missing parts, labels or instructions – they are garbage and it's not a charity's responsibility to dispose of your garbage;
- donate items containing hazardous materials – dispose of safely at City's Household Hazardous Waste depots: toronto.ca/garbage

You've sorted and followed the tips, now here's one more thought to guide your good intentions. If it's not something of the quality that you would give a loved one, it's likely not a useful charitable donation.



For a list of donation programs, visit toronto.ca/reuseit

