

# Resources for Reuse

**Think Before You Throw!** While throwing something away can be very convenient, it is also *permanent*. While some things simply have no more use, unfortunately many things that are disposed of still have value. Buying durable goods rather than disposable items is a great start, then finishing up by donating items for reuse helps to extend a product's life.

The good news is that there are many organizations and programs that can help residents avoid being wasteful, save space in our landfill, protect the environment, contribute to the local economy, and conserve resources for future generations. The following listings are for groups that are involved in purchasing, reselling or otherwise reusing unwanted goods. This is only a small sampling of such organizations and is not an endorsement for any particular business or service.

- **BetterWorld Books**

Better World Books collects and sells books online to fund literacy initiatives worldwide. Shipping is free, whether you are selling or donating books to them or shopping from their vast selection of paperback and hardbound books. [www.betterworldbooks.com](http://www.betterworldbooks.com)

- **Bikes for the World**

The Rotary Club of Carroll Creek works with this non-profit organization that ships bicycles to Africa, Latin America and other developing regions, where partner charities train and hire local people to recondition the bikes - generating bicycle sales and service jobs. The bikes are distributed to individuals in need of affordable transport to work, school, and health services. For more information, contact local volunteer collection managers Jean-Louis Lepage ([jean-louis@custom-imprints.com](mailto:jean-louis@custom-imprints.com)) or Richard Foot ([dickandsusanfoot@gmail.com](mailto:dickandsusanfoot@gmail.com)).

- **Consignment Stores & Sales Events**

A web search shows many consignment opportunities, from local stores to special events (such as **Tot Swap** or **Kids Closet**). Consignment is a great way to save money, earn money AND help keep materials out of the landfill! Visit [www.TotSwap.net](http://www.TotSwap.net) or [www.KidsCloset.biz](http://www.KidsCloset.biz) for event info.

- **craigslist**

This website offers free classified ads for buying, trading, selling or giving away just about anything. [www.craigslist.org](http://www.craigslist.org)

- **THE FREDERICK RESCUE MISSION**

The Rescue Mission provides free quality clothing and furniture to our community's working poor. Clothing, furniture and appliance donations are accepted at 419 West South Street in Frederick, or pickup from your home can be arranged by calling: 301-695-6633. [www.therescuemission.org](http://www.therescuemission.org)

- **freecycle**

This nonprofit enables anyone to find new homes for old goods as well as acquire good, used items for free. Their mission is to build a worldwide gifting movement to reduce waste, save resources and ease the burden on landfills, while enabling members to benefit from the strength of a larger community. [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org)

- **Goodwill Industries**

By donating to or buying things from Goodwill, you not only reuse items but also support job training and placement programs for people with disabilities and disadvantages. Stores take in and resell: clothing, bedding, appliances, toys, books, furniture and more. Goodwill also has established an E-Waste Initiative to seek economically and environmentally sound ways to recycle and reuse donated electronic equipment. Six locations: 400 E. Church Street, 5831 Buckeystown Pike, and 101 Willowdale Drive in Frederick, 805 E Main Street in Middletown, 8425 Woodsboro Pike in Walkersville and 202 E. Main Street, Thurmont. [www.gimv.org](http://www.gimv.org)

- **Habitat for Humanity ReStore**

These retail outlets provide quality, used and surplus building materials and home furnishings at a fraction of normal prices. Proceeds help local affiliates fund the construction of Habitat houses within our community. To buy or donate useable construction materials, windows, doors, furnishings and appliances visit their store at 1109 East Patrick Street in Frederick. For more information call (301) 662-2988. [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org)

- **Swap Baby Goods**

This website provides an easy-to-use, friendly place for parents to swap, buy or sell baby items that are no longer needed. Their philosophy is simple, "Why buy when you can swap?" [www.swapbabygoods.com](http://www.swapbabygoods.com)

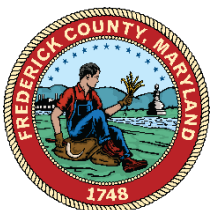
- **swapstyle**

This is an online fashion exchange where you can swap clothes, shoes, accessories, cosmetics and lots more, with people from all around the world. [www.swapstyle.com](http://www.swapstyle.com)

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Know of other resources/businesses/organizations that promote reuse? Have ideas on how our local communities can waste less? Let us know! Email your comments and suggestions to: [ACreamer@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:ACreamer@FrederickCountyMD.gov)

Want to learn more and stay up-to-date on recycling and waste reduction topics in Frederick County? Check out our mobile app or sign up for our free, quarterly e-Newsletter by visiting us on the web: [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/recycle](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/recycle)



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