



The Montgomery County Thrift Shop

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7125 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814

Phone: 301-654-0063

(Four blocks south of the Bethesda Metro (Red Line**)); next to the Farm Women's Market) Metered parking lot at rear of shop. Free Parking Saturdays and Sundays.**

The Montgomery County Thrift Shop is the oldest Thrift Shop in the County. It has been serving Montgomery County, MD since 1943. It is operated by volunteers from five non-profit agencies, which use the proceeds to further health, welfare, and education programs in the County. These agencies are:

Suburban Hospital Auxiliary
Mental Health Association of Montgomery County

**National Council of Jewish Women, Montgomery County
Section**

**Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington, serving
Montgomery County**

Montgomery County Federation of Women's Clubs

Each of these organizations receives 20% of the proceeds from the Thrift Shop. Volunteers from Suburban Hospital work at the Thrift Shop on Tuesdays. In 2009, Suburban Hospital's volunteers provided 3,239 hours; and in 2010, they worked 2,911 hours. Our proceeds from the Thrift Shop average between \$20,000 and \$25,000 per year.

Hours that the Thrift Shop is OPEN:

Mon-Sat 9:30-4:00

2nd and 4th Sunday of each month 12:00-4:00 (except Sunday holidays)

Sunday openings in September are the 11th and 25th.

SAVINGS DAYS: All items except those in the specialty rooms are HALF PRICE on Sundays and are discounted 10% every Monday (unless already on sale)!

WATCH FOR "BAG DAYS." These are held usually at the end of a season and you are charged by the bag for everything you can "stuff" in one bag. It is a very small amount.

Donations of items are accepted: 10:00-3:00 Monday through Saturday. **Consignments are no longer accepted**, but the Thrift Shop still **offers high-quality jewelry, furniture, artwork, and home-decor items in our two lower rooms.**

"...the kind of place where you can find a lamp with a pintsize leather golf bag as its base (\$22) alongside a Carmen Marc Valvo dress that looks plucked from the pages of Vogue for just \$30..."
- 11/2009 Washingtonian Magazine

"It's all about the thrill of the hunt at this secondhand shop. It has everything from housewares to vinyl records to clothing... We found a crystal decanter for \$15 and a funky gold belt for \$4..."
- 9/2010 Washingtonian Magazine

GO GREEN!!! Donating, rather than discarding items you no longer need, saves landfill space and disposal costs. **Re-using**, rather than buying new goods, conserves raw materials and energy, reduces your carbon footprint, and saves you money!



“What You Will Find at the Store*"

- Men's, women's, & children's clothing, coats, and shoes.
- Kitchen goods, including small appliances, silverware, glasses, dishes, utensils, etc.

- Sheets and other bedclothes, towels, tablecloths, napkins etc.
- Books, CDs, cassettes, and LPs
- Small furniture, such as chairs, end tables, lamps, etc.
- Jewelry and watches
- Games and puzzles for teens and adults
- Stereo and video equipment, including VCR's, cassette decks, boom boxes, small speakers, etc.
- Home decor items, such as lamps, vases, framed pictures and prints, etc.
- Corded and cordless telephones
- Sports equipment, such as golf clubs, baseball gloves, etc. for teens and adults
- Wedding dresses, furs, etc.
- Flat-screen computer monitors, computer speakers, software, printers, and other peripherals

Donations are WELCOME and are tax-deductible!

“Items that are welcome:

- Men's, women's, and children's clothing, coats, and shoes-- clean and free of holes and severe wear.
- Kitchen goods, including small appliances, silverware, glasses, dishes, utensils, etc. **We can no longer accept microwaves of any size.**
- Sheets and other bedclothes, towels, tablecloths, napkins etc.-- clean and free of holes and severe wear.
- Jewelry and watches (if working except for battery replacement)
- **Functioning** stereo and video equipment, including portable or flat-screen TVs, small stereo speakers, boom boxes, etc.

- Cameras and video recorders, preferably **with owners manual**, charger, and other required accessories.
- Home decor items, such as small & medium-sized furniture, lamps, vases, framed pictures and prints, etc.
- Corded telephones **if fully functioning**, cordless phones **if fully functioning and complete in the original box w/ charger, manual, etc. and able to hold a charge.**
- Books, CDs, cassettes, LPs, VHS tapes, DVDs, video games for consoles still in general use, computer software **if not obsolete** (i.e., Windows XP and higher)
- Sports equipment, such as golf clubs, baseball gloves and bats, etc. **if intended for adults or children 13 years of age or older.**
- Puzzles and games **if complete and intended for adults or for children 13 years of age or older.**
- Flat-screen computer monitors, computer speakers, small peripherals like modems, with their original software that is Windows XP or higher). **We unfortunately don't have room for printers, scanners, etc.**
- Tools and other hardware items

Please note that staff resources are not available to:

Please save our organization and staff, the time and disposal costs by only donating clean, gently used clothing and unbroken, fully functioning items.

If you're not sure whether an item is appropriate for donation, please feel free to call the shop at **301-654-0063**”.



Items that cannot be accepted:

- Children's metal jewelry ; Incomplete puzzles or games
- Cribs, bassinets, strollers, or car seats.
- Clothing or shoes that are soiled, stained, have holes, serious wear, etc.
- Large appliances. including microwaves--please call the shop at 301-654-0063 with any questions
- Large furniture--please call the shop at 301-654-0063 with any questions
- Computers (both desktops and laptops), printers, scanners, etc. (We will accept flat-screen monitors, computer speakers, software for Windows XP and after, and small peripherals)
- Televisions, except for small portable TV's and flat-screen TV's. Portable TV's are those that can be easily carried with one hand by a healthy adult.
- Cordless phones that cannot hold a charge or are not in their original box with charger, manual, etc.
- Cell phones, whether working or not
- Food items of any kind; Pesticides, fertilizers, cleaners, or other household chemicals



Where to donate computer equipment and large furniture

Washington Metropolitan OASIS, a nonprofit designed to enhance the quality of life for seniors, is recycling old computers, printers, etc. to donate to low-income seniors. For more information and to schedule a drop off time in downtown Bethesda, call 301-469-6800, extension 211.

If you have beds, dressers, sofas, etc. in good condition, we recommend the local group [A Wider Circle](#).



“Special Notice About Children's Clothes, Toys, and Other Items – March 5, 2009

Effective immediately, the Montgomery County Thrift Shop is limiting the types of children's merchandise that we sell. We can no longer accept donations of some clothing and books (see below), toys, furniture, games, puzzles, strollers, etc. We are taking these steps as a good faith effort to comply with a recently enacted federal law and to protect the health and safety of our customers.

What cannot be accepted:

- Clothing or blankets made from treated or non-natural materials and those with rhinestones, metal or vinyl snaps, zippers, closures or appliqués.
- Children's books printed in 1985 or earlier.
- All other children's items--toys, jewelry, furniture, games, strollers, etc.

Background information on the law as it affects thrift and consignment shops:

On August 14, 2008, President Bush signed the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (H.R. 4040, also known as "CPSIA"). The law places restrictions on the sale of **“any consumer product designed or intended primarily for children**

12 years of age or younger.” A major focus of the law is to prohibit the sale of children's clothing and toys that contain lead or phthalates above trace amounts. The lead requirements apply to used as well as new children's products.

Note: This document contains information taken directly from the Montgomery County Thrift Shop web site:

www.MoCoThrift.org. This information is provided as a handout to the Suburban Hospital Management Communications Forum as an introduction to one of the supporting organizations of the Suburban Hospital Auxiliary.