

COUPEVILLE LIONS CLUB GARAGE SALE

GUIDELINES FOR DONATIONS

Donations fund the majority of the Lions' community service projects and programs. Merchandise must be clean, good quality, in working condition and sellable. *Broken, rusty, or filthy items don't sell.* We are not junk or trash collectors, have limited time and facilities for cleaning and repairs and we can't be a delivery service for items that are too big or heavy for our customers to haul home. If two Lions can't lift an item don't take it (unless its a vehicle or a boat on a trailer)...no exceptions!

All donations must be accepted by a Lion. Drop-offs by the public, without prior approval, are not welcome because too many don't meet our guidelines. When given a brief explanation, donors understand. It is also helpful to suggest alternative recipients for items that we can't accept.

THINGS THAT SELL - TAKE THESE ITEMS

Antiques

Art (paintings, prints, photos, glass art, sculpture & frames, etc.)

Appliances-large (washers, driers, stoves, cooktops & refrigerators, etc. Must be in GOOD condition. No Dishwashers or built in appliances)

Appliances-small (irons, coffee makers, ice cream makers, mixers & blenders, etc.)

Audio Visual Equipment (Flat screen TV's, DVD players, audio receivers, polaroid or digital cameras, tripods, unique audio devices, turntables, anything Bose, small bookshelf speakers, portable telephones, CD players, low cost accessories)

BBQ Grills & Smokers (must be clean)

Bicycles (must work & have little or no rust)

Boats & Boating Gear (canoes, kayaks, dinghies, inflatables, runabouts, sailboats, sailboards, outboard motors, PFDs, paddles, anchors, fenders & trailers, etc.)

Books (except textbooks, old computer books, romance novels, paperback cookbooks and encyclopedias)

Book Ends

Building Materials (no trash or junk)

Cabinets (good quality units adaptable to garage or storage uses are OK; those with sinks or other fixtures seldom fit different room layouts & often become trash)

Cameras Digital or polaroid. No film types.

Camping Equipment - Tents should be checked for tears & mildew

CDs, DVDs & Records No VHS or cassettes

Chain Saws

Collectables

Cookware (pots, pans, skillets, cookie sheets, crocks, knives & utensils, etc.)

Doors (pre-hung and good quality entry doors only)

Exercise Equipment (free weights & stationary bicycles & recumbent exercise bikes only)

Fishing Gear (rods, reels, line, weights, nets & waders, etc.)

Furniture (In GOOD condition and good quality. Except very large or heavy pieces & items on the “Don’t Take” list. NO Particle Board items, mattresses or hide-a-beds)

Hardware (no worn out or badly rusted tools or junk)

Holiday Decorations (except large artificial Christmas trees and decorations or light strings that are made with mini-lights, which tend to be unreliable. Only take high quality items)

Household Items (vases, ceramics, plastic items, candles, wood crafts & knick-knacks)

Jewelry

Lamps & Lighting Fixtures

Lawn Mowers and Weed Eaters Only if in good condition. Must have safety shields

Linens (clean fabrics, sheets, blankets, bedspreads, towels, curtains & drapes, etc.)

Luggage (hard & soft pieces, backpacks, totes & handbags. etc.)

Medical Equipment (only good wheelchairs, power chairs with good batteries, lift chairs and recumbent exercise bikes now being accepted)

Musical Instruments (includes keyboards but no heavy pianos or organs)

Outdoor Play Equipment (swimming pools, kids play structures & swings, etc.)

Patio Furniture

Pet Equipment (dog & cat carriers, hall gates & leashes, etc)

Photo Equipment (digital cameras, tripods, camera bags, etc.)

Rollerblades (no roller-skates)

Rugs & Carpets (must be clean - no pet hair, stains or odors)

Sewing Machines (must be in working condition)

Silverware (tableware & serving pieces)

Skateboards

Snowboards (no skis, boots or poles)

Stuffed Animal “Dolls” (6” to 12” tall, clean & in perfect condition, for donation to the Whidbey Island Kite Festival for the kids’ Teddy Bear Parachute Drop)

Tableware (dishes, plates, cups, glasses, stemware, bowls, pitchers & trays, etc.; NO Punch bowls or cordial glasses)

Televisions Flat screen only

Tools (both hand & power tools, but no badly rusted or junk; must be complete & working)

Toys (including puzzle & games)

Typewriters (antique manual types only; no electric typewriters)

Vehicles (cars, trucks, SUVs, RVs, tractors & trailers, etc.)

Yard & Garden Equipment (power lawnmowers, riding lawnmowers, tillers, chippers, weed eaters, hoses, rakes, shovels, trimmers, shears & flower pots, etc)

THINGS THAT DON'T SELL - SO DON'T TAKE THEM

(It's OK to explain; *“IT DOESN'T SELL...SO WE JUST CAN'T TAKE IT”*)

Air Purifiers

Appliances (items that are dirty, rusty, damaged or don't work or built-in like dishwashers; others are OK)

Audio Visual Equipment (Movie cameras, cassette players, instamatic cameras, non-flat screen TV's, phones, misc. cables, large speakers, remote controls, monitors, games, film cameras, simple clocks or clock radios, Karaoke,

Bathroom Fixtures (cabinets, sinks, tubs, used faucets, toilets, toilet seats; used pipe fittings; odd pieces of pipe; incomplete towel and toilet paper holders. Good claw-foot tubs are OK.)

Batteries (after storage, we can't assure their condition at time of garage sale)

BBQ Grills & Smokers (dirty, rusty, have missing parts or don't work)

Books (textbooks, old computer books, romance novels, paperback cookbooks & encyclopedias)

Bowling Balls

Cameras (film types; digital types are OK)

Cabinets (units made of particle board & those in poor condition or with sinks or other fixtures that are unlikely to be adaptable to different bathroom or kitchen layouts)

Childs' Car Seats (those that don't meet current safety standards; if doubt remains after checking product label, don't take item)

Cribs & Playpens (those with "guillotine" type drop sides that a child could release; if in doubt, don't take item)

Christmas Trees & Light Strings or Decorations Made of Mini-lights (large artificial trees don't sell well & mini-lights often have burned out bulbs that are too time consuming to repair for very little resales return; other ornaments are OK)

Clothing, Shoes & Hats

Computers, Keyboards, Printers & Copy Machines (Including **monitors** and **software**. We don't have the resources to verify the age & the condition of both the hardware or the software)

Construction Materials (kitchen remodel tear-out counters, counter tops, floor cabinets & sink units; sinks; tiles; imperfect doors; small pieces of pipe & lumber)

Electrical (receptacles and cover plates; short lengths of wire; damaged extension cords)

Exercise Equipment (treadmills, Nordic tracks, stair climbers, rowing machines & various types of weight machines, etc.; only free weights & stationary bicycles & recumbent exercise bikes now being accepted)

Firearms, Air Guns & Ammunition (for safety & legal reasons)

Food & Beverages (no edibles)

Furniture (No mattresses, heavy sofa-beds; large steel desks; heavy entertainment centers for big tube-type TVs; large modular office systems that require assembly for customer viewing & disassembly for moving; items with dirty, torn or excessively worn upholstery; cushions & pillows that have stains, pet hairs or odors; furniture & shelves made of particle board & items that are broken or have missing parts - except that antiques worthy of restoration are OK. Do not take particle board furniture or any low quality furniture)

Glass Doors (heavy sliding patio doors)

Hair Driers & Curling Irons

Hardware (containers of mixed nuts & bolts; rusty nails & screws; used locksets & doorknobs; shelving hardware)

Hazardous Materials (flammable liquids & poisons, etc.; unopened motor oil is OK)

Hot Tubs (too large & heavy)

Magazines (all types)

Medical Equipment (canes, crutches, walkers, hospital beds, tub & toilet risers, foot soaking tubs, massagers, braces, etc.; only wheelchairs & high-quality working power chairs with good batteries, lift chairs, and cumbent exercise bikes are being accepted now)

Paint & Stain (minimize on-site vandalism)

Painting Tools that are covered in old paint (sprayers, scrapers, rollers, trays)

Pianos & Organs (heavy uprights and any that require special equipment or more than 2 Lions to move; baby grands OK with approval of garage sale chairperson)

Power Tools & Equipment (those in poor condition, have missing parts or damaged cords or don't work)

Sewing Supplies like patterns and notions

Skis, Ski Boots, Ski Poles & Roller-skates (good rollerblades, skateboards & snowboards are OK)

Speakers (unless they are the compact type, which are OK)

Spray Cans (risk of vandalism)

Steel & Other Kinds of Scrap Metal

Steel Bed Frames (unless headboards & footboards are included)

Tableware (NO Punch bowls or cordial glasses)

Tools (incomplete power tools; radial arm saws; rusty hand saws; worn-out, broken, or incomplete tools)

Typewriters (unless its antique)

VHS or Cassettes

Wheels, Tires & Chains (all car, truck & tractor types)

Windows (large or heavy types)

Wood-Burning Fireplaces & Stoves (models that don't meet our weight guidelines or don't use outdoor combustion air)