

## **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!

\*We've decided that this year we will limit the area in which we pick up donations. We will now pick up donations from Classic Rd. on the south, north to Crosby & Ault Field Roads and the eastern Oak Harbor city limits. Exceptions may be made for large donations (such as a house full of furniture) or high-value items.

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. A list of local thrift stores/resale stores is available to give to donors.

### **THINGS THAT SELL - TAKE THESE ITEMS**

#### **Antiques**

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

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

**Appliances-small** (ice cream makers, mixers, blenders, etc. No coffee makers.)

**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, no scrap lumber)

**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 video or audio cassettes.

**Chain Saws**

**Collectables**

**Cookware** (pots, pans, skillets, cookie sheets, crocks, knives, utensils, etc.-clean and free of rust)

**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, 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 puzzles & 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, video 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.)

### **Bathroom Scales**

**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**

### **Coffee Makers**

**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 resale return; other ornaments are OK)

### **Clothing, Shoes & Hats**

**Commercial Hairdressing & Barber Equipment** (except antique barber chairs)

**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; small quantities of tiles (less than 20 sq. ft.); 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)

**Filing Cabinets made of metal or particle board** (2-drawer metal filing cabinets in excellent condition are OK--no dents or rust.)

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

**Food & Beverages** (no edibles)

**Furniture** (No mattresses; heavy sofa-beds; metal desks; entertainment centers; modular office furniture; upholstered furniture with flowers or other patterns; items with dirty, torn or excessively worn upholstery; items 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, Shavers**

**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)

**Helmets** (we cannot tell if they have been in an accident)

**Hot Tubs** (too large & heavy)

**Irons & Ironing Boards** (Antique non-electric irons are OK.)

**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 recumbent 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 it's 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)