

WASTE REDUCTION SPOTLIGHT

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore

www.hfhanchorage.org/restore
5023 Cordova St. 743-8060

The ReStore is a retail business selling donated new and used building materials, electrical fixtures, appliances, kitchen cabinets, and even doghouses at greatly reduced prices. Since the ReStore's opening in November 2004, it has diverted 5.3 million pounds of material from the Anchorage landfill.

The income generated from the ReStore is used to build more homes for low-income families and to support administrative expenses.

The ReStore differs from other donation/resale stores such as Value Village and the Salvation Army in that it targets building materials. It does not accept clothing or regular household items. The ReStore can arrange for pick-up for most materials and all donations are tax deductible. Please call ahead or check the website before dropping them off to ensure that your items are acceptable.

1-800-GOT-JUNK?

www.1800gotjunk.com/anchorage
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Junk-removal company, 1-800-GOT-JUNK?, services both residential and commercial customers and accepts everything from single items to multiple truck loads. The company charges based on volume; labor, landfill fees and truck fees are all included with the exception of surcharges for refrigerants, computer monitors, and any gas-powered motor. 1-800-GOT-JUNK? does not accept hazardous items such as paint, gas, or oil. Throughout the national 1-800-GOT-JUNK? system (about 150 franchises) about 60% of everything picked up is either recycled or donated. Solid Waste Services' customers should check with Customer Service at 343-6250 before consulting another hauler.

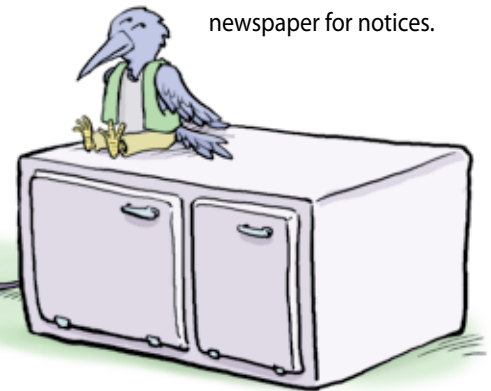


TIPS FOR BULKY ITEMS

- In areas with Solid Waste Service's automated trash collection (a roll cart system) don't put bulky items or extra trash bags on or near your trash cart. You will need to call SWS Customer Service at 343-6250 and request a pick-up for the excess waste and will be charged an additional fee for the extra materials. Visit www.muni.org/sws for more information about the automated trash collection services.
- Consider ways to recycle or reuse bulky items such as refrigerators, couches, mattresses, TVs, or carpeting. See reuse options on this and previous page.
- Look up private hauling companies in phone book. See 1-800-GOT-JUNK? article on this page.

OTHER REUSE IDEAS

- Hold a garage or yard sale.
- Sell collections to a dealer or collector—antique books dealers, music shops, art collectors etc.
- Host an exchange party – invite friends over for refreshments and an evening of trading unwanted clothes!
- Look for sport-specific swaps – ski swaps, musher swaps etc. – to offload old equipment or get “new” stuff for the season at a good price. Many of these swaps are held in early fall so check out web sites and the newspaper for notices.



A QUICK LOOK: Waste & Recycling Resources

Alaska Waste	www.alaskawaste.net	563-3717
ALPAR.....	www.alparalaska.com	274-3266
Anchorage School District Recycling	www.asdk12.org/depts/recycling	348-5151
Central Recycling Services	www.centralrecyclingservices.com	748-7400
Girmscheid Enterprises		770-1720
Hilltop Recycling.....	www.hilltoprecycling.com	696-2246
MOA Solid Waste Services.....	www.muni.org/sws	343-6262
Mobile Metals		277-7777
Schnitzer Steel (Alaska Metal Recycling)	www.alaskametalrecycling.com	349-4833
Smurfit-Stone Recycling Company (Anchorage Recycling Center)		562-2267
Valley Community for Recycling Solutions (Mat-Su).....	www.valleyrecycling.org	907-745-5544
Total Reclaim.....	www.totalreclaim.com/alaska.html	561-0544