

# Move Out | Resource Guide

When you're moving, there are always things that no longer have a purpose in your life, won't fit into your new place, or you're just plain tired of. There are lots of options for getting rid of stuff without sending it to the dump!

## Have stuff you want to sell or give away for free?

Try online classifieds like [Craigslist](#) or [Kijiji](#). These sites are particularly good for selling electronics, appliances, DVDs and CDs, accessories, and furniture in good condition. You can also post to your social networks. Often our friends can use what we're getting rid of.

Some tips for getting your item quickly and safely sold online!

1. **Decide if you want to offer your item for free or sale.** Browse the website you've chosen to use and decide what category your item falls into – there are lots of options. If you have a bunch of small items (for example: stapler, hole punch and binders) consider bundling them together.
2. **Pick your price.** Start with a price slightly higher than what you hoping for – lots of people will offer a lower amount. Decide if there is a price you are not willing to sell under – this is only for your information but will prepare you if someone makes a lower offer.
3. **Take photos** of your item with good lighting, lots of angles, and make sure to include a photo of the brand or model of the item. Try not to take photos that identify your exact location or personal information.
4. **Post a detailed, proof read description** of your item with a location reference to your general neighbourhood – lots of people won't drive across town to look at an item so you're looking for local buyers.
5. **Use the anonymous email function** and don't post your phone number in the ad. You can provide it later to buyers who you've communicated with and are interested.
6. **Be wary.** If it seems too good to be true or like a form response, it probably is. When in doubt, wait for another potential buyer. Real buyers will likely have questions about the item, and request specific details or a time to view the item.
7. **Schedule appointments** to meet with buyers – evenings and weekends will usually be best. If someone makes an appointment be sure to keep it.
8. **Meet with buyers in public** – on campus or at a coffee shop are good spots. Make sure to tell a friend where you're going too. If the item is too large to transport, have a friend or roommate with you when a buyer comes to view your item – if possible set up outside.
9. **Proceed with caution** – remember, you use online classifieds at your own risk.

## Want to sell your stuff but not online?

Consignment is a way to **sell items** like clothing, jewelry, accessories, and purses. Consignment shops usually choose **seasonal items** and won't accept everything. Consigning is best for **quality, higher value items**.

Consignment stores assess the value of your items and then **put them up for sale in their store**. The store keeps the items for a set period, and if they sell the items you'll receive a portion of the sale price back. If the items do not sell you will either get a phone call to pick up the items or they will be donated to a thrift shop.

When you take your items into the store be sure they are **clean, neatly pressed, hung, and in good repair**. Be sure to confirm the times when the shops accept items, **read through the terms and conditions**, and know going in you won't get money up front.

Clothesline Consignment: <http://www.clotheslineconsignment.com>

Turnabout: <http://www.turnaboutclothing.com>

Rewind: <http://rewindconsignment.ca>

**FYI:** Many consignment stores offer a higher value for your clothing if you accept store credit rather than cash so if you need new clothes this is a good time to shop!

## Don't want to sell your stuff or need to get rid of it sooner?

Good quality used clothing, kitchen wares, books, accessories and toys can be **donated to local thrift shops**. Some options are listed below, be sure to check online for their hours and what they accept before you drop items off. Most won't take CRT TVs or big furniture. Try to find a thrift store that supports local organizations to keep your donations within our community!

Talize: <http://www.talize.com/donate>

Surrey Hospice Thrift Store: <http://www.surreyhospice.com/thrift-store>

SPCA Thrift Store: <http://www.sPCA.bc.ca/about/locations/thrift-stores/richmond-thrift-store.html>

Langley Memorial Hospital Thrift Shop: <http://www.langleyhospitalauxiliary.ca/thriftshop.html>

## Have things for recycling?

Try **Metro Vancouver Recycles** – their website has information on where to recycle, or donate almost anything! <http://www.metrovancouverrecycles.org>

**FYI:** Be sure to remove your personal information by doing a system restore to factory settings and clearing the memory if you're recycling computers or cellphones.

**Batteries or cellphones** – All the KSA offices have recycling drop bins for cellphones and batteries – just bring them in. <http://www.call2recycle.ca/what-can-i-recycle>

## Do you have furniture, old appliances or big items?

The municipalities of Langley, Surrey, and Richmond offer **bulky item pick up** for residents in single family homes. The service is free but you must schedule an appointment for pick up. If you live in another municipality, check their website to see what they offer.

Surrey: <http://www.surrey.ca/city-services/4550.aspx>

Richmond: <http://www.richmond.ca/services/recycling/garbage/largeitem.htm>

Langley: <http://www.city.langley.bc.ca/index.php/residents/garbage-and-recycling>

**FYI:** Leaving your couch or mattress in a back alley or beside a dumpster is illegal and not very nice. Be a good neighbour and figure out how to dispose of your items properly.

**Check this list for specific programs:**

Fridges (operational): [http://www.bchydro.com/powersmart/residential/rebates\\_savings/fridge\\_buy\\_back.html](http://www.bchydro.com/powersmart/residential/rebates_savings/fridge_buy_back.html)

Mattresses: <http://www.recyc-matelas.com/en>

Small Appliances and Power Tools: <http://www.electrorecycle.ca>

Are you unpacking or have packaging from a purchase? **Changes Recycling Centres** and **London Drugs** offer recycling for product packaging.

<http://www.changesrecyclingcentre.com>

<http://www.greendeal.ca/recycling>