

# Chattanooga Community Kitchen

## Donation Guide

The Chattanooga Community Kitchen is grateful for the tremendous community support we receive – donations truly make our work possible. While this document cannot address every conceivable item someone may wish to donate, we hope this document will provide guidance regarding which items are most beneficial to our work and generally can be accepted.

Food: if you'll eat it, our guests will too. Drop off canned food items, breads, drinks, and the like to help feed our hungry neighbors – even prepared food can, under certain conditions, be used.

Clothing/shoes: we accept new or used clothing and shoes, even if unwearable, as long as the fabric or leather is not soiled, wet, or contaminated with mold or mildew.

Accessories: accessories such as hats, purses, bags, wallets, jewelry, gloves, etc. are welcome.

Furniture: un-upholstered furniture (such as wooden, plastic or metal pieces) is always welcome. Upholstered furniture is generally not able to be accepted.

Linens: we accept new or used linens such as towels, rags, sheets, curtains, table cloths, rugs, etc., as long as the fabric is not soiled or contaminated with mold or mildew.

Electronics: we accept almost all electronic items (such as flat screen T.V., VCR, DVD players, CD players and stereo equipment, CDs, DVDs, Blu-Ray Discs, etc.) EXCEPT tube or large, projection type televisions.

Household Items: if you use it or need it in your home, our guests will need it when they move into housing. We welcome all useable household items, appliances, knick-knacks, kitchen ware, decorative items, games, books, etc.

Bicycles: new or used bicycles are accepted (in working condition or requiring minor repair).

Recyclables: we accept household recycling items such as glass, paper, metal, plastic, etc. Items do not need to be sorted and are accepted at our main entrance. Your recyclables create an opportunity for job training to members of the homeless community.

Vehicles, houses, and property: we are pleased accept your generous donation of a vehicle, property, or housing unit. Please contact our finance department for information regarding donations of this type.

Items we CANNOT accept:

For various reasons, certain items will be turned away if offered for donation. This list is not comprehensive, and the Chattanooga Community Kitchen reserves the right to turn away any item presented for donation at the sole discretion of the Chattanooga Community Kitchen.

Examples of items that cannot/will not be accepted:

- Opened or out of date medical supplies
- Upholstered furniture
- Out of date or unusable food products
- Carpet, carpet scraps or used padding
- Hazardous material/waste (e.g. paint, tires, etc.)
- Used children's car seats/booster seats
- Used or unsafe cribs
- Used mattresses and box springs
- Box or rear projection TVs
- Used stuffed animals
- Infant/toddler walkers, swings, etc. (unless new in box)
- Any waste or household garbage
- Any clothing, linen, or furniture items that are soiled or contaminated