



# Moving?

## Save some boxes for a better use.

Moving can be an overwhelming experience – so much to do, pack and plan for! Why move unwanted furniture, household items, clothing or even food when you could donate it to help those in need and possibly get a tax write-off\* to boot!

### Consider these simple donation ideas:



**Donate Clothing** - Clean out those closets and locate a local organization or drop box to donate your used clothing.



**ReStores** specialize in selling recycled items at bargain prices that would typically end up in landfills. Donate (or purchase) items to “go green” and also support the building of Habitat for Humanity homes. [ctrealtors-care.org/restores](http://ctrealtors-care.org/restores)



**Food Pantries** - Donate your canned goods/non-perishable food items to a local food pantry or soup kitchen.

- [foodpantries.org/st/connecticut](http://foodpantries.org/st/connecticut)
- **Dial 211** for locations near you



**Homeless Shelters** - Contact a local homeless shelter to see what donations they are in need of (i.e. toiletries, clothes, furniture, sheets/blankets).

- [ctrealtors-care.org/shelters](http://ctrealtors-care.org/shelters)
- **Dial 211** for shelter locations



**Pets** - Buying a home and getting a pet seem to go hand-in-hand. Consider rescuing an animal or donating items to a local shelter when moving (i.e. towels, blankets, litter/litter boxes, carriers/crates, pet food, toys, etc.)

- [petfinder.com](http://petfinder.com) (adoptions/rescue list)
- [cthumane.org](http://cthumane.org) (adoptions/donations)
- Check with your local food pantry (some accept pet food)
- Contact your town's Animal Control Officer



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