

What can I do with my old furniture?

Many residences find themselves stumped by this question. **We have some ideas for you.**

The first step is to make a realistic assessment of the quality and condition of your furniture. Are they (1) *Heirloom quality* (2) *Gently used*, good quality or (3) *Showing signs of wear* (See details below). That assessment may determine its final disposition. Here is some guidance for you to consider:

Donate your furniture and get it picked up.

Old Colony Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization based in Attleboro serving Bristol and Norfolk counties with a mission dedicated to providing decent and affordable housing partnership with families in need. They are building strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. Their ReStore location, open to the public, is on Rt. 1, Attleboro receives gently used or heirloom quality furniture, as well as building materials, appliances and other home items and sells them at a significant reduction. All of their proceeds help to build affordable housing. Receive a charitable deduction and be charged a 'small' fee for pick-up. For more information on donating your furniture and to schedule a pick-up, visit oldcolonyhabitat.org and click Donate to the ReStore.



Assessing condition and category options for disposition:

1. *Heirloom quality* is generally considered above average quality furniture that has been well cared for with excellent wood finishes and all doors, drawers and pulls are intact. Upholstered furniture should be like new with no wear, fading or stains. This category may be sold by you or donated.
2. *Gently used, good quality* is generally considered good quality furniture that has had some use but is in very good condition for its age. Wood finishes may have few scratches or nicks, but everything works and nothing is missing or broken. Upholstered furniture is not worn through, with no rips, cuts, frayed or obvious stains. This category may be consigned by you or donated.
3. *Showing signs of wear* is furniture of any quality that has signs of hard use and wear is ready for "permanent resolution". If fabric is faded, stained or starting to show wear, if parts are cracked, missing or broken, it is time to dispose of it. Contact your Town Hall or contact your trash provider/hauler to determine if they accept furniture disposals. Independent hauler charges to dispose furniture can cost \$150-200 per sofa.