ST. VINCENT DE PAUL — MADISON, WI: ACCEPTED DONATION ITEMS LIST

St. Vincent de Paul accepts clothing, furniture and household items that are suitable for resale in our Thrift Stores. Our staff members are instructed on the criteria for accepting donations, and may pass on an items that have low resale value due to age, condition or consumer demand, or that pose an injury risk to our handlers due to weight and/or size. Keeping recycling and disposal costs low is essential for the success of our charitable programs!

ITEM CATEGORY	YES / CAN TAKE IF:	Thank you but NO / CANNOT TAKE IF:
APPLIANCES, SMALL	Clean, working condition *Please remove all light bulbs and batteries	dirty, broken, or unusable
APPLIANCES, MAJOR/LARGE	We are unable to take major appliances*	
BABY ITEMS	Clothing and toys in clean working condition	Baby furniture, strollers, car seats, cribs, walkers (due to frequent recalls)
BOOKS & MAGAZINES	Most books and magazines	Encyclopedia or other **large bound sets** Library books **Large** collections of older magazines, Nat Geo or Readers Digest
BUILT-INS /CONSTRUCTION REMODEL MATERIAL	We are unable to take these materials	
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	Components/peripherals in working condition (keyboards, flat monitors, mice, speakers, etc.)	laptops, CPUs or CRT monitors
ELECTRONICS	Good working condition (*Please remove batteries) TVs 50" and under, 5 years and newer. *TV's must have feet (can stand alone), remote and cord	Tube TV's, Older TV's Console stereos or TV's
EXERCISE EQUIPMENT	Quality dumbell sets	No fitness equipment*
FOOD	Non-perishable, unopened food	Perishable, open, expired
FURNITURE* *Furniture items must meet age/quality standards for resellability as determined by SVdP staff* *We encourage donors to share photos of their items for pre-approval prior to making or scheduling a donation. Send photos here: reception@svdpmadison.org.*	Items that are not otherwise prohibited, or **not excluded** due to size, weight or condition Most living room, dining and bedroom furniture Small home office furniture/desks Some bed frames (must be easy to assemble & move) Futons only with accompanying mattresses if in good, sturdy condition Heavier/larger pieces can be considered with special approval if they are high quality, solid wood and/or have antique value	Items in any furniture category that are prohibitively **large or heavy** that cannot be safely moved or handled Unsturdy/wobbly, warped or flimsy items (**this includes **most particle board**) Items that are broken, incomplete, soiled, show excessive wear (rips, stains, odor) or weathering Sofa sleepers, sofas that contain reclining chairs Mattresses, upholstered box springs Entertainment centers File cabinets **Excluded Bed styles**: bunk, trundle, platform with drawers, hutch-style head/footboards, old-style metal, frames that require excessive assembly/hardware Sewing machine cabinets/tables **Excluded desks**: large, heavy, most with hutch tops
LAWN & GARDEN	Lawn furniture in good, gently used condition Mowers/snowblowers **with special approval,** only if exceptionally good/clean/new condition Tools/supplies in good working condition Grills ONLY if clean, no propane tanks please	Anything broken, heavily worn or weather damaged Unable to take most machinery UNLESS in very good, very clean, almost new condition Gas-powered accessories (string trimmers, etc.) Glass-top patio tables larger than 4-seater
MISCELLANEOUS	Kitchen and household items in good condition Bikes in good condition Musical instruments Wheelchairs (non-motorized) & walkers Holiday decorations (xmas trees must be in a box)	Anything broken, dirty, or unusable condition Mirrors without frames Pianos, organs Most medical equipment Paint/chemicals/combustibles, light bulbs, batteries Boxed items that have a musty odor or evidence of water damage
SPORTING GOODS	Most sporting goods in gently used condition	Table games (pool, ping pong, foosball, etc.) Skis Free-standing basketball hoops
TOYS/GAMES	Good, clean condition, no missing pieces or parts *Please remove all batteries	Broken or unusable condition; missing parts or pieces