

Welcome to the FreeStore

The mission of the FreeStore is to encourage the community to re-use, re-purpose and recycle items no longer needed or wanted by making those items available to others at no cost. The FreeStore is an all-volunteer organization of people who believe that by offering a central location to share goods, we can further develop a sharing economy, not just of material possessions but of ideas and connections. Our vision is to create a deeper culture of community caring and sharing, and to help the environment by keeping unused or unwanted items out of landfills and incinerators. The FreeStore is a Transition Town Media (TTM) initiative.



TTM FreeStore Guidelines

The FreeStore grew out of the material abundance in our American culture. Three specific generousities allow our door to be open and shelves to be stocked.

- Volunteers staff the store
- Community members donate items to the store
- Customers and friends donate money to pay the rent and cover operating expenses
Cash, Venmo (@TTMFreeStore), PayPal/credit card (Donate tab on TTM's webpage)

Donor Guidelines

- Donations are accepted only when the store is open and only on donation days
- Do not hand anything over to anyone who is not a volunteer
- Items should not be left outside when the store is closed
- Clean items before bringing them to the FreeStore
- Ensure that electronics and small appliances are in working order with all parts
- Limit the size of individual items you give to only what one person can easily carry. Given the FreeStore's size, donated items should be no larger than a vacuum cleaner.
- Please see our list of acceptable donations and ask a volunteer if you have any questions. If we are unable to accept your donation, we ask that you take them to another local charity.

Current Hours

Shopping Only
Wed & Sat
10-2

Donations Only
Wed 4-8
Sunday 12-4

Shopper Guidelines

- Separate shopping and donation days provide equitable access to available items and safe traffic flow in the store. Days and hours are posted on our Facebook banner, website, and at the store.
- The store is run solely by volunteers. Please be courteous, show respect, and thank them for their community service.
- Everything is free on the shelves in our self-service area and limited special treasures section
- Be aware of the community-minded spirit and sharing principles of the FreeStore. The items you select are for your personal use and are not for re-sale.
- Due to COVID, a maximum of 6 shoppers (including children) is allowed in the store at any one time. 10-20 minutes is usually plenty of time to shop. If there is a line outside, shopping time is limited to 10 minutes.
- One shopping visit is permitted per person per day
- Shoppers are permitted to take items that fill 1 reasonably sized shopping bag and 1 bulky item (a lamp for example). Volunteers may limit the number of items being taken at any time and reserve the right to make exceptions based on individual needs and inventory. We are an inclusive non-profit that does not want customers with larger needs to feel alienated.
- Be mindful when making selections. Consider needs, wants and greed.
- We welcome monetary donations to help pay the rent and cover operating expenses (see links below)
- Drugs/alcohol/smoking/profane language/firearms are not permitted in the FreeStore
- If you notice a spill or unsafe condition, please notify a volunteer immediately
- Our volunteers are permitted to close the store for any reason, with no advance notice, at their discretion

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www.mediafreestore.com

www.facebook.com/groups/mediafreestore

freestore@transitiontownmedia.org

Donate

Venmo: @TTMFreeStore

PayPal and Credit Cards: <https://transitiontownmedia.org>

(click on Donate/Join)

Transition Town Media

<https://transitiontownmedia.org/volunteer/working-groups/freestore>

info@transitiontownmedia.org





FreeStore Acceptable Donations

- Books – hardcover, paperback, fiction, non-fiction, audio and current-year magazines
- Music – cassettes, records or CDs, cannot be home-made/recorded
- Movies – DVDs only, cannot be home-made/recorded
- Artwork, knick-knacks, candles, picture frames and other home decor
- Tools and toolboxes
- Jewelry
- Craft items
- Office and school supplies
- Purses and wallets
- Small appliances – coffee makers, vacuums, microwaves, blenders, etc.
- Electronic equipment (no older tube style TVs, monitors or outdated electronics)
- Kitchen items
- Toys – in good condition with all the pieces
- Stuffed animals – clean and in good condition
- Games – complete with all the pieces
- Baby items – tubs, slings, strollers and pumps
- Sports equipment
- Lamps and lampshades
- Throw rugs, curtains, tablecloths
- Lotions, beauty items/new makeup
- Pet items – leashes, food dishes and small cages

Please limit donations of seasonal items to the following seasonal décor guide:

January/February – Valentine's Day

February/March – St Patrick's Day

March/April – Easter

April/May – Mother's Day, Memorial Day

May/June – Father's Day

June/July – July 4th

August/September – Labor Day

September/October – Halloween

October/November – Thanksgiving

November/December – Christmas/Hanukkah/Kwanzaa

We ask that items be clean and in working order, with all parts present.

This list does not include everything, so please ask a volunteer if you have any questions.



Items Not Accepted

Mattresses, box springs, large furniture, pets, encyclopedias, textbooks, VHS tapes, old-style tube TV's or monitors, outdated printers, sinks, toilets, large appliances, smoke alarms, tires, chemicals or cleaners, paint or solvents, hazardous waste of any kind, or anything larger than one person can reasonably carry. We do not accept dirty, dusty, moldy or water damaged items.

This list does not include everything, so please ask a volunteer if you have any questions.

The FreeStore reserves the right to reject items due to space limitations or any other reason that the volunteer deems reasonable.

Please do not leave anything outside the door when we are closed.

NOTE: The FreeStore does NOT accept clothing or food

Please donate those items at First Church Media's rear entrance on Baker Street. See their website at <https://www.firstchurchmedia.org/volunteer-and-community> for information and hours. Or call them directly at 610-566-3172. Clothing Closet and Food Bank at First Church Media are NOT affiliated with the FreeStore, which is operated by Transition Town Media (<https://transitiontownmedia.org>)