

Thursdays  
11:00am - 3:00pm

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Collingswood, NJ

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# Tips for Donating to VOADV

**Consult the [Donation page](#)** - On our website we have a list of our most needed items and those that we do not accept. If the item(s) are not listed or you're unsure, please reach out to us.

**Which site will you be donating to?** - Although our website is specific to the Collingswood Donation Center, some of our programs do take direct donations of clothing and other items. The advice given below applies to those programs as well and we ask that you reach out before donating directly to them in order to ensure that they have need for the items and are not at capacity for donations.

**Sort, sort, sort** - Whether you intend to donate clothing, shoes, toiletries, or homewares, consider: Would I give this to someone I love? Make piles of things that are in great condition and still have plenty of life in them and piles of things that have seen better days and have served their purpose. We would be happy to take the items that are still clean, unstained, have no rips or tears, and can bring dignity to someone in need.

**Be in Season** - We know it's convenient to purge your old winter coats in the spring, however, we have limited storage space. It is incredibly helpful to us and our clients if the clothes being donated are seasonally appropriate so they can be used right away.

**Check your pockets** - You'd be surprised by the number of personal items that fall out of pockets or from between folds when donations are handled. We do not have the time to check every item to make sure an old ID or bill wasn't inadvertently included in your donation. Protect your personal information by double checking your donation items before you pack it.

**Keep it clean** - We ask that all donated clothing be laundered. They should be free of rips, stains, pet hair, or strong scents. We do not have the ability to wash, mend, or alter clothing at the Donation Center so please consider the fact that these clothes are likely going straight onto another person that may not have any other clothing at this time. The same goes for homewares, which should be free of dirt, dust, and food matter.

**Fold and Pack** - Pack up the clothes in no more than 4 bags or boxes, whichever is most convenient for you. It is helpful to us if clothing can be separated by gender and size, which makes it easier for us to distribute quickly and appropriately.

**Remember your tax deduction** - We appreciate you being so thoughtful and considerate as you sort, wash, and pack your donations! We have donation acknowledgement forms ready for you to fill out upon drop off.

