

## Simple Needs GA Furniture Donation Guidelines

Thank you so much for your desire to assist those coming out of homelessness. We help by delivering furniture to these folks and providing smaller household items to them as well (they come to our location to choose those). We do not charge any fees to our clients.

We strive to provide furniture items to our clients that beautify and uplift their surroundings. Donated items do not need to be brand-new, but we do ask that they truly fit the criterion of having been "gently used." A good rule of thumb is to ask whether the condition of the piece is such that you would be comfortable giving it to a loved one.

We take mattresses, box springs and furniture in good shape – with no stains, damage (including water damage), excessive wear and tear, or peeling (pleather/leather). If the wood furniture has some dings (or a handle missing, for example), that's OK. Cribs cannot be drop down (since they were recalled).

Our clients do not need china cabinets, buffets, or excessively large entertainment centers/armoires. We don't take rugs (hard to match up with the clients). For beds or frames (including cribs), all parts need to be included (plus all hardware as needed). We don't need random parts such as just the headboard or just rails.

If you have something we or other agencies don't need, consider freecycle.org or posting on Facebook for free.

We do take TVs, including tube TVs, as long as they are working, cable-ready and not too large or heavy. We ask that all furniture be clean and presentable; often we will take donations from a donor's house directly to a client.

We pick up furniture in Cobb County (outside Cobb at times) most Saturdays and then other days if we have volunteers with trucks available. If you have a way to deliver, we would appreciate that. We can set up a time that works for both of us for delivery.

When you respond to this email, please include answers to these questions (unless the info was already provided):

- What is your address and phone number?
- What is your timeframe for pick up? Are you moving / have a deadline?
- Is your home easy to find on GPS? Gated community?
- Are any stairs involved? If so, how many and are they straight? (We typically do not do stairs but understand that not everyone can get things to a main level. We will need to know details there.) Is there anything else we need to know regarding ease of access? Our goal is to spend as little time loading as possible so we can fit in as many pickups from donors and deliveries to clients as we can when we are out.
- Are all items that can be disassembled already taken apart? This will need to be done before we arrive. If applicable, please tape parts together as you can and ensure all hardware is included in a bag, taped to the item (so we can be sure all remains together). If you have a bed frame, please duct tape the pieces together and mark the size on it.

If you have anything with an electrical cord, please tape it for easier carrying. If you have a TV with a remote, please tape the remote to the TV. Be sure everything will fit through the door and outside as needed. For example, if a couch has feet on it, will it fit through the doors with the feet intact or do they need to be removed? If so, please remove them.

If you have anything impeding the route to get items out of your house, please move them out of the way when you know we are on our way. If there is anything breakable on your door or porch, please move so there is no chance of breakage.

If you have smaller donations, we prefer that you bring those to us during a Donation Drive (first and third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.). However, if you just have a box or two of unbreakable items, we can pick them up along with your furniture. These items must be packed well as the boxes could be jostled around in the truck.

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Thank you for caring about others!