

## **RECYCLING RESOURCES:**

Used **Cell phones**- [www.pacebutler.com](http://www.pacebutler.com) print free shipping label from website. Phones and batteries only- no accessories or chargers. 1-800-248-5360

**Call to Protect®** collects wireless phones to benefit victims of domestic violence. Proceeds from the sale of phones help fund agencies that fight domestic violence and are also used to support the educational efforts of the Wireless Foundation. Other phones are refurbished and become lifelines for domestic violence victims when faced with an emergency situation.

Prior to donation please: Deactivate your phone service, Erase personal information

Phones may be donated to the CALL TO PROTECT program by mailing the phone(s) directly to:  
CALL TO PROTECT  
2555 Bishop Circle West  
Dexter, MI 48130

OR Dropping phone(s) off at a local collection center:

**Albany** The Body Shop- Colonie Center or Crossgates Mall  
**Endicott** CVS 1000 North Street  
**Johnson City** CVS 37 Riverside Drive  
**Johnson City** CVS 345 Main Street  
**Johnson City** CVS Oakdale Mall  
**Kingston** Wireless Zone -Kings Mall  
**Syracuse** The Body Shop Carousel Center  
**Vestal** CVS 5 Corners Shopping Plaza  
**Norwich** GHS Federal Credit Union 54 East Main Street

**Donated Phones are Tax Deductible** As the donor, you have the responsibility of determining the value of your gift for tax purposes. Please consult your tax advisor for more information. You may print a Tax Receipt to reflect the value of the phone you have donated.

**March of Dimes®** collects cell phones. You can download a free shipping label at their website.

**Cell Phones for Soldiers** collects phones, recycles them and buys phone cards with the goal to help our soldiers serving overseas call home.

**Call2Recycle™** can help you recycle your old cell phones as well as used portable rechargeable batteries (commonly found in cordless power tools, cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, camcorders, digital cameras, and remote control toys).

Lowe's, 607-433-4000, 5283 State Highway 23, Oneonta  
Verizon Wireless, 607-441-7394, 762 State Route 28, Oneonta  
Home Depot, 607-432-1089, 659 State Highway 28, Oneonta  
U.S. Electronics/RadioShack, 607-865-6463, 247 Delaware St, Walton  
NAPA Cooperstown/RadioShack Dealer 607-547-2600, 4 Doubleday Ct, Cooperstown  
Radio Shack, 607-561-2741, 44 Grand St, Sidney  
COS Wireless, 607-373-3070, 5640 State Highway 12, Norwich  
Lowe's, 607-334-1300, 5411 State Highway 12, Norwich  
RadioShack, 607-334-1969, 5631 State Highway 12, Norwich  
RadioShack, 518-234-2211, 115 Plaza Ln, Cobleskill  
Selkirk ACE Hardware, 518-234-3518, 783 EAST 8TH AVE, Cobleskill

\***Clothes**- Salvation Army, Family Services, schools for drama club, shelters, Catskill Area Hospice **Thrift Shop**, 269 Main St. Oneonta, NY open Tues-> Sat 10-4

For fleece and polartech:

Patagonia's Common Threads Garment Recycling: as long as the garment is at least 95 percent polyester, Patagonia will recycle it. For more information, see their website at [www.patagonia.com/recycle](http://www.patagonia.com/recycle).

Formal dresses: Charities like Chicago's Glass Slipper Project and New York City's Operation Fairy Dust accept donated gowns, shoes and purses to provide free prom wear to low-income teens.

\***Bedding**- veterinary centers, SPCA

\***Electronics**- Edison Computers, Oneonta 432-9311, will take computers for \$5. Keyboards, and other accessories are free. They will also wipe out the hard drive on request.

MOSA- 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday **National Cristina Foundation** (203) 863-9100 *Directs donations of used computer equipment to nonprofit organizations, schools, and public agencies throughout the United States.* Commonly accepts computer equipment, copy and/or fax machines, digital cameras, etc. Tell them what you have, and they'll try to connect you with someone in your area who needs it. For a more complete list of equipment, tax write-off information and more, visit [www.cristina.org](http://www.cristina.org).

\***Eyeglasses**: eye care centers, Elks club, churches  
St. Mary's church, Elks Club, 1<sup>st</sup> Pres Church.

\***Running shoes**-

**Shoe4Africa PO Box 6943 Eldoret Kenya**

Shoe4Africa is asking for small shoe donations, not large ones. We are trying to get the individual to post their own pair of shoes, or a couple of pairs, to Kenya through the address on the donate page of the web site.

Sending shoes is the priority, not how clean they are. We like to send shoes that at *least* have 100-miles worth of wear left in them. Shoes where the heel or the rubber is worn through to the midsole are not usable. Please don't send them. We send the shoes to trusted coaches who have a proven track record to distribute the shoes amongst athletes

Please send in a plain brown cardboard box securely wrapped with plenty of tape. Use USPS Express Mail Intl shipping method. Please send to Kenya if you can as this helps us the most! Please send as an uninsured gift, and not to be returned. The declared amount for a pair of used shoes is marked as \$1 (a subjective amount as the sales value is very low and taxes are charged to the locals upon delivery). Kenya is

currently not accepting donations of secondhand clothes. Most needed are running shoes, secondary spiked shoes, and thirdly leisure shoes. The most popular sizes needed are US6 to US10 (men's). The most needed size? Women's US 8! Email: [info@shoe4africa.org](mailto:info@shoe4africa.org).

Nike's Reuse-a-Shoe program turns used athletic footwear (no cleats) into a material called Nike Grind, used to surface playgrounds, running tracks and outdoor courts.

**You can also send your old shoes to...**

**Nike Recycling Center**  
c/o Reuse-A-Shoe  
26755 SW 95<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Wilsonville, OR 97070

Athletic shoes only (any brand). No shoes containing metal. No cleats or dress shoes.  
No wet or damp shoes

**Styrofoam peanut** recycling- 800-828-2214 Many UPS stores do this.

Mailroom in Oneonta will take them

The Plastic Loose Fill Council has a "Peanut Hotline" (800-828-2214) you can call to find local recycling centers. To recycle large, molded chunks of EPS used to cushion televisions, air conditioners and such, contact the Alliance of Foam Packaging Recyclers.

Wine corks: Yemm & Hart, which produces recycled building materials, turns used corks into floor and wall tiles.

Motor oil: Recycled motor oil can find new life as a lubricant or fuel Preserve used oil in a clean container with a secure, leak proof lid. You can recycle the used oil filter, too. Earth 911 has a list of motor oil recycling centers that's searchable by ZIP code.

**Freecycle™** is a nonprofit, online network of local groups that promote giving (and receiving) stuff for free. It costs nothing to join or participate, and there are active groups all over the world.

Craigslist.org. is a site where you can list items for sale.

**Recycling:** Green-Del Sanitation- 800-223-3320. Picks up trash and deposits- check sent quarterly, Prattsville NY Serves Oneonta.

**CLEAN plastic retail bags-** most grocery stores will take these.

(You must remove any string or rigid plastic handles)

Dry cleaning bags, newspaper bags, produce bags, bread bags, cereal bags, plastic wrap from paper products, shrink-wrap

All bags must be clean and dry. They cannot contain any food residue.

If you would like to donate your old plaques or trophies, [gcreativeimages.com](http://gcreativeimages.com) would be happy to take them. Gcreative.com refurbishes and donates your old trophies to nonprofit organizations such as Special Olympics, School Children Groups, etc. that don't have the money to spend on new ones.

Several options exist for passing along the books you no longer want. [BlueRectangle.com](http://BlueRectangle.com) will buy back some of your books. They're prices aren't great and they don't take everything, but the site is easy and the shipping is free.

[BookCrossing.com](http://BookCrossing.com) is a fun way to "read and release" your books for others to find and enjoy. And two book-swapping sites are [PaperbackSwap.com](http://PaperbackSwap.com) and [BookMooch.com](http://BookMooch.com) ("Give books away. Get books you want.")

Other ways to get rid of books:

1. Sell them at a used bookstore.
2. Sell them on-line, on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) or another outlet.
3. Sell them at a garage sale.
4. Donate them to a thrift store.
5. Donate them to national organizations such as [Books for Africa](#), [Books for Soldiers](#), [Operation Paperback](#) (which also involves sending books to troops serving overseas), and [Books Behind Bars](#).
6. Swap them – some post offices and cafes have shelves for this or you can use one of the many

on-line services, such as [Bookins](#), [BookMooch](#), [FrugalReader](#), [Novel Action](#), [PaperBackSwap](#), [Readers United](#), [TitleTrader](#), [WhatsOnMyBookshelf?](#), and [Zunafish](#).

**Shredding:**

Office Max in Oneonta offers shredding – priced per pound.

Northeast Mobile Shredding Horseheads NY 800-466-0007

On site shredding. Paperclips, staples, rubber bands all OK.

[Earth 911](#) can also help you find a place to donate or recycle your equipment.