

White Elephant Donations

IMPORTANT NOTE: NO INDOOR FURNITURE DONATIONS IN 2025.

Donations will be accepted starting Monday, July 7. Donations can be made during the volunteer hours (Mon-Wed-Fri 9am-2pm, Tues-Thurs 6pm-9pm) or left in the carports outside Oldenski Hall, St. Ferdinand campus. Please move the items deep into the carports so more items can be protected from the weather.

Donations end **Friday, July 25 at Noon**. **If you cannot make this deadline, we ask that you donate your items to another charity.** The volunteers will not have time to sort and price additional items after this date.

Please help by **volunteering your time** to make sure that the items you donate are **ready to sell**:

- Items must be **clean, unbroken, gently used** and in **good working condition**. Any dirty, smelly, broken, ripped or moldy items will be thrown away immediately. Test, clean and repair items yourself before donation (volunteers do not have the time or supplies to make repairs). **If you wouldn't give it to a friend or neighbor as is, please don't donate it to the Parish.**
- Items **must have all their parts**. Please put all the pieces in a sealed plastic bag. Unglued items won't stay together, so deconstruct them and bag the pieces. Include the item's model name/number and instructions if you can.
- Please **indicate the size** with a note taped to linens, rugs, bedding, and other soft goods.
- If possible, **attach a note stating what your antique or collectible item is and/or what it is used for** (unless manufacturers' markings are clear).

Please respect we cannot accept the following due to legal/safety issues or experience that such items do not sell well. Any items we can't sell must be disposed of, thus requiring the Parish to pay for trash removal:

- NO Indoor Furniture (patio/deck furniture OK) – check other charity websites for those that accept furniture
- NO Appliances that are large (e.g., no full-size refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers)
- NO Car tires and car mats
- NO Child car seats, car booster seats, and cribs – there are restrictions on resale of these items
- NO Construction components (such as wood, tiles, cabinetry. Room doors and separate sinks are ok.)
- NO Exercise equipment that is large and heavy, such as treadmills and weight stacks
- NO Gas or kerosene heaters
- NO Mattresses and box springs
- NO Musical instruments that are not portable – no full-size organs or pianos, etc.
- NO Televisions that are not flat-screen “smart” TVs. ALL TV functions must be working. TVs cannot be thrown away or recycled for free so please don't make the Parish pay for disposal
- NO Computer monitors that are not flat screens and HDMI capable
- NO Copiers and printers unless working ink cartridges are included so they can be tested
- NO Pillows of any kind (sleeping or decorative)
- NO Pictures, frames and mirrors that are larger than 36" on any side
- NO Window blinds, rods, and shades
- NO Batteries (any working batteries left in donated items are OK)
- NO Clothing – use the St. Vincent de Paul box in the St. Ferdinand parking lot instead
- NO Encyclopedia, textbooks, and magazines
- NO Food
- NO Hangars made from wire (plastic and wood are OK)
- NO Liquid or gel chemicals of any kind
- NO Makeup, creams, perfumes, brushes, combs, and other personal care items
- NO Sewing machines attached to cabinets (portable machines are OK)
- NO VCR and cassette tapes

Thank you for your donations of time and goods to help make our sale a success!