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## Disposing of Clutter

### **DONATE:**

Seventh Day Adventist Clothing Depot      751-1985  
810 15th St NW, Bemidji

Drop off “closet” on the side of the building that is open even when the store is not. They accept clothing & household, but no electronics (TV, VCR, microwaves, etc)

Goodwill Industries      759-2147  
407 Beltrami Ave NW, Bemidji

St. Phillips Clothing Depot      444-3835  
720 Beltrami Ave NW, Bemidji

Churches United 444-1380 (M-F noon to 4)  
Accept furniture - beds, couches, solid chairs, kitchen table & chairs, etc. Also dishes, linens, towels, good used clothing. They do not have the ability to pick up anything - call, make an appointment and they will meet you at Paul Bunyan Storage, where they have storage capacity.

USAgain Drop Boxes: green & white clothing drop boxes. USAgain is a for-profit company that collects unwanted textiles and resells them in the U.S. and abroad. A percentage of the sales of collected clothes benefits the site hosts (places where drop boxes are located).

They collect around one million pounds of clothing per week, which is then purchased by wholesale buyers, thrift store chains and textile recyclers.

USAgain was founded in 1999, and operates over 10,000 collection bins in 15 states. In 2010 alone, they collected over 56 million pounds of discarded clothing. A profitable venture headquartered in Chicago, they employ more than 220 full-time employees.

DAV (Disabled American Veterans): green collection boxes placed at Surplus Outlet, Marketplace Foods, & the VA Clinic. The DAV is paid by the pound for the items and the money is used **locally** for its members. I have emailed the Bemidji chapter of the DAV for more information on how the money is received and used.

Bemidji Community Food Shelf 444-6580

310 Fourth Street, Bemidji

10:00am - 3:30pm MWF, 3rd Monday of every month until 7pm

The Bemidji Community Food Shelf (BCFS) accepts foods commonly used in most households. Also accepts donations of other food and nonfood items, including baby food, diapers, hand soap, toilet paper, and toothpaste. Unopened items only.

FREECYCLE - [my.freecycle.org](http://my.freecycle.org)

Everything posted must be FREE, legal and appropriate for all ages. The Freecycle Network is a nonprofit organization and a movement of people interested in keeping good stuff out of landfills while building a sense of community.

Bemidji Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Site 751-1668

751 Industrial Park Drive SE, Bemidji

They will accept: Stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, freezers, dish washers, water heaters, air conditioners, de-humidifiers, Fluorescent tubes less than 4 feet in length, tires, engine oil, used oil, anti-freeze, automotive batteries and household hazardous waste (paint, cleaners, household chemicals, etc).

ReStore (Habitat for Humanity) 444-6398

1357 Industrial Park Drive

Accepts: Building Materials, Paint, Plumbing Supplies, Electrical Supplies, Furniture & Appliances

**CONSIGN:**

Tk'z Closet 444-8406

217 3rd St., Bemidji

Accepts quality clothes in excellent condition on consignment. You receive 40% of selling price. Minimum of 20 items dropped off at a time, items must be in garbage bags (limit of 3 bags per drop off).

Twice But Nice 751-4241

411 Beltrami Ave NW, Bemidji

Value Smart Retail Consignment      755-9200  
144 Peaceful Meadow Ln, Bemidji

### **INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:**

Craig's List:      <http://bemidji.craigslist.org/>

Facebook: Bemidji Area Online Sales (group)

Bemidji Pioneer Newspaper      333-9200  
Regular classified ad, or if your item is under \$100 they will run an ad for free.

### **GARAGE SALE:**

Tips:

1. Advertise, advertise, advertise! In the Pioneer, flyers around town, at work, and clear visible signs pointing the way to your location.
2. Display some of your more interesting items at the end of your driveway to act as a magnet to lure people in.
3. Price everything - it will save you from answering "how much is this" questions every 10 seconds! The bigger the item, the bigger the price tag should be so it is clearly visible. Take a full sheet of paper and put the price and list any good selling points or flaws - people are more willing to take a chance on an item if you have already pointed out the flaw.
4. If you are displaying clothes on a clothes rack, I always use the cheap metal hangers. That way if the buyer wants to keep the hanger, they can.
5. Put some effort into your sale and really try to sell stuff by making it the most attractive it can be. If the first thing that someone picks up is nasty and dirty, it may turn them off to looking at other things you have to sell.
6. Here's a tip if you are trying to sell something that is fairly high dollar and it's a popular item that appears in catalogs or sale ads. Cut out the ad with the item in it (with the price showing of course) and tape it to your item.

Converting Records to CD's:

Terry Moore

Hackensack, MN 218-682-2272

\$9/LP - makes trips to Bemidji once a week. Burns tops of CD's for labels as well.

## Books (from Lois Jenkins)

Follow up on what to do with books. This is from the Red Door book store for we who just cannot throw a book away.

All donated books (donation cart in library) that cannot be used by the Friends of the Library are given to:

1. Bemidji Public Library for annual book sale and new releases for the bookshelves
2. Blackduck Community library
3. Beltrami County Jail
4. Kelliher Community library
5. Hope House
6. Northern Minnesota Dental Access
7. Operation Minnesota Nice
8. Village of Hope

We do not take Readers Digest Condensed books, encyclopedias, and National Geographic's magazines. Books should be in good condition (not musty smelling). Stop in at the Red Door or the Bemidji Public Library and see how this process works.

Books can also be given to Seventh Day Adventist and St. Philip's or consigned to a number of shops: Kat's Book Nook, Third Street Book

And [www.booksforafrica.org](http://www.booksforafrica.org) (St. Paul) takes encyclopedias.