

**Donations**

**The dos and don’ts**

* Please only include **quality items** in good condition. We really do value all donations, however, we do not want to be left with unsaleable items that need to go to landfill, that will come at a cost for the USPCA, reducing the funds going to vital charitable work.
* Please ensure that all items are **put in bags,** and that all bags are **securely sealed.**
* Please **separate items** into different bags according to category – i.e clothing in one bag, bric-a-brac into another.
* Please **do not leave bags outside the shop** (this is considered fly-tipping). Any donations left outside may be damaged by the weather, thus rendering items unsaleable and incurring cost to us for disposal.
* Unfortunately, there are a number of items we are unable to sell. Please check our **guide below** to find out more.
* And please do not forget that by registering as a **Gift Aid donor**, you can increase the value of what you donate by 25%, at no extra cost to yourself or the USPCA. Ask about Gift Aid the next time you are in the store shopping or handing in your donations.

**Our Charity store relies on the generosity of the local community, so we always welcome donations of good quality saleable items, especially:**

* Ladies, men’s and children’s clothing and accessories
* Bric-a brac (glassware, pottery, jewellery, silverware, ornaments, pictures, etc)
* Books (for adults and children)
* Household items (soft furnishings, kitchenware etc)
* Toys and games
* CDs and DVDs
* Electrical items in working order
* White goods in working order

**If you’re donating upholstered furniture, it will need:**

* A fire safety certificate – this should be attached somewhere usually under the cushions on a sofa. On the underside of a mattress, a dining chair or sewn into the seam of a mattress.
* No tears or stains

**Sorry we cannot take:**

* Video players or videos
* Triple wardrobes or similar sized wall units and cabinets over 5ft
* Desks over 5ft
* TVs
* Printers, computers and laptops
* Gas appliances
* Duvets, pillows and cot mattresses (unless new in sealed bags)
* Baby car seats
* Helmets or safety hats
* Knives
* Music stack systems and cassette players and tapes (Small radios and CD players are accepted)
* Any items which are broken or unsaleable (as we will have to pay to dispose of them)

**Please note: Items which are not in good working order will cost us to dispose of, so please bear this in mind when considering whether to donate an item.**