Items Goodwill of the Finger Lakes cannot accept and what to do with them

- **Baby Furniture, including cribs, car seats, etc.**
  Post your items on freecycle.org or if your neighborhood is in a Buy Nothing group post there.

  https://www.freecycle.org/
  https://buynothingproject.org/

- **Hazardous materials of any kind**
  Household hazard waste can be taken to Monroe County ecopark or the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency. Appointment is required.

  https://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark/index.php#hhw
  https://ocrra.org/services/dispose/household-toxics-drop-off/

- **Televisions (except flat screen TVs)**
  Televisions and monitors can be taken to the Monroe County ecopark. There is a small fee.
  The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) website has a guide by manufacturer and how to recycle their products:

  http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/82084.html

- **Machines with gas still in the tank**
  Household hazard waste can be taken to Monroe County ecopark or the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency. Appointment is required.

  https://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark/index.php#hhw
  https://ocrra.org/services/dispose/household-toxics-drop-off/

- **Containers of any liquid — such as paint, gasoline, petroleum, kerosene, or cleaning supplies**
  Household hazard waste can be taken to Monroe County ecopark or the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency. Appointment is required.
  1/3 can or less of latex paint can be disposed of in the trash and will NOT be accepted at the ecopark. Discard the paint can lid, add kitty litter, mix, let dry, and place in trash.

  https://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark/index.php#hhw
  https://ocrra.org/services/dispose/household-toxics-drop-off/

- **Large appliances**
  Monroe County ecopark will accept some household appliances. Recycling options for appliances differ depending on whether or not they contain refrigerant, which must be removed by a certified professional prior to recycling.
  City of Rochester Residents can place appliances at the curb for regular refuse pick-up. Call 311 for details.

  https://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark/appliances.php

  Recycling centers and scrap yards will accept appliances for recycling. Scrap yards may provide remuneration for non-refrigerant-containing appliances. Contact the location or visit their website to make sure your appliance is accepted and to check for any possible fees.

  Haul Away Service for old appliances may be provided by retailers when buying replacement appliances and having them delivered.
  Trash Haulers may provide Appliance Recycling Programs. Contact your local trash hauler for details.
- Mattresses, box springs, or bed pillows

Haul Away Service for old mattresses may be provided by retailers when buying replacement mattress and having them delivered. Trash Haulers may provide mattress recycling programs. Contact your local trash hauler for details.

Pillows:
1. Make floor pillows
2. Make pet peds
3. Use as packing and moving material
4. seal up drafty doors
5. make gardening cushion

- Windows, screens, or storm doors

Alpco Recycling in Macedon, NY will accept wood waste for a fee.

http://alpcorecycling.com/

- Carpet scrap or carpeting

Carpets are full of complex fibers that make them impossible to break down in landfills. And, because carpet is made from multiple components with different chemical makeups, it’s tough to recycle properly. Carpet can be dropped off at High Acres Recycling Center.

http://highacreslandfill.wm.com/

- Metal or lumber

Scrap metal is accepted at Monroe County ecopark during regular operating hours. Metal scrap yards and recycling facilities will also accept scrap metal and may even pay you for the materials.


- Building materials

- Construction or yard waste

Many municipalities have yard waste collection/drop-off programs. For a fee, private landscaping companies also provide on-demand yard waste pick-up service and may allow residential drop-off. Uncontaminated yard waste is not accepted for disposal at most landfills in New York. The City of Rochester and most of the towns in Monroe County provide curbside yard waste collection services to their residents.

- Auto parts, tires, or wheels

Car Batteries:
- It is illegal to dispose of a car battery in the trash.
- Retailers (AutoZone, Advance Auto Parts, etc.) are required to accept up to two used batteries per month from any individual for free. When buying a new battery, a surcharge is included. Return the old battery when purchasing a new one to avoid the surcharge.
- Your local municipality’s public works department (city, town or village) may accept car batteries when dropped off. Contact them about their policy.
- Local scrap yards may take batteries as well, but check beforehand to make sure car batteries are accepted.

Automotive Tires:
- City of Rochester Residents can place tires at curb for regular refuse pick-up.
- Bare tire rims can be disposed of as scrap metal at Monroe County ecopark or local metal scrap yards.
- Automotive tire retailers are required to accept waste tires for disposal. When purchasing/installing new tires customers may return an equal quantity of old tires of approximately the same size.

https://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark/automotive.php#tires
- Items made from or containing ivory

- Needles, medical supplies, biohazard waste, biohazard waste containers, medical equipment

Monroe County DES pharmaceutical waste collections provide a safe and proper way to dispose of unused or unwanted medications. This service is FREE to residents. The Monroe County ecopark and local police stations accept pharmaceutical waste at regularly scheduled times and locations.

https://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark/pharmaceutical.php