

Declutter

A spring cleaning checklist for every room

BEDROOM

- Surfaces** – examine items on all flat surfaces – the tops of dressers and nightstands, for example – and make sure they all are something you use regularly.
- Closet** – take a close look at your clothes and shoes. A good rule of thumb is that if you haven't worn it in a year, you probably won't wear it again.
- Under the bed** – you never know what's accumulated under there – and it's time to find out!

Bedroom items accepted by most Habitat ReStores

Beds | Dressers | Nightstands

KITCHEN

- Cabinets** – perform a thorough cabinet sweep. Match containers and lids. Take stock of the dishes you need (and those you don't). Remove expired items and be sure to check that all spices are fresh.
- Refrigerator** – clean out any old or unused items in the fridge and the freezer.
- Drawers** – is the infamous “junk drawer” located in the kitchen of your house? If so, take out all the items to assess what you really need.

Kitchen items accepted by most Habitat ReStores

Sinks | Appliances | Dishes | Kitchen Cabinets

LIVING ROOM

- Entertainment center** – sort through Blu Rays, DVDs and CDs and donate any you no longer watch or want. Recycle any empty cases you find.
- Drawers** – go through any drawers to remove trash and other unneeded items.
- Shelves** – organize all shelves, getting rid of unneeded items.

Living room items accepted by most Habitat ReStores

Furniture | Antiques | Bookcases | Books

GARAGE/BASEMENT/SHED/OTHER

- Donation piles** – these spaces can seem overwhelming, so start with the easiest of all: donations piles. You’ve spent all year collecting items you need to donate, and it’s finally time to load them up and take them to various donation center around town.
- Categories** – divide everything left into categories and go through each category one by one. Tools, building materials, cleaning supplies, whatever it may be. Check for duplicates and get rid of anything that’s broken – throw away if necessary but donate or recycle if possible!
- Reorganize** – for everything that you are keeping, organize by the same categories to help keep them organized year-rough.

Bedroom items accepted by most Habitat ReStores

Doors | Lumber | Windows | Tools | Building materials