

Habitat for Humanity RFV Donation Guide

For furniture, home remodels, home demolitions, and home salvage donations

Looking to remodel or completely demolish your home?

By utilizing Habitat for Humanity of the Roaring Fork Valley's (HFH RFV) salvage program, you create a win/win/win/win for you and the community:

1. Donors can receive a tax deduction
2. Items are reused and are treasured by our shoppers at our ReStore
3. The landfill is spared (and you will save on disposal fees!)
4. Habitat generates funds to build homes for local families in need

There are generally three different types of donations:

- I. Loose furniture and Housewares
- II. Building materials removed before a remodel project (i.e. kitchen cabinets, appliances)
- III. Total salvage of building materials before demolition of a home (i.e. building structure, windows, doors)

I. Loose furniture / unattached home furnishings / Housewares

If you're looking to donate your furniture (or other items that are not "attached") you may:

1. Drop off your items to the store, [our ReStores are open 7 days a week](#)
2. [Request a donation pick-up!](#) We'll come to your home for FREE and pick up the furniture you wish to donate to Habitat for Humanity. Simply call Hector Vazquez at 970-618-1666 to schedule an appointment.

II. Re-model

If you are planning a remodel to your home and would like to donate furniture as well as items such as appliances and cabinets that require skilled removal, Habitat can help with this as well. This type of donation typically involves some effort on the part of your contractor to detach the items and have them ready for pick-up. If necessary, under certain conditions we can provide a crew to do light extraction. Call Hector Vazquez at 970-618-1666 to schedule an evaluation of your project.

III. Demo or salvage

If you are demolishing your home, you can use your contractor for the demo or we can recommend a few options, i.e., contractors that specialize in deconstruction and salvage. Call Hector Vazquez at 970-618-1666 to schedule an evaluation of your project. Please call us early in your project planning as typically there may be several pick-ups and contractors to coordinate to meet your demolition and construction schedule. For example, it may be broken into:

Pick up 1- for loose things like furniture

Pick up 2- for things that were extracted like cabinets, plumbing, and lighting fixtures

Pick up 3- for other pick-ups, or your contractor's delivery, of the bundled structural materials

If you are using your own contractor for demolition, please have them coordinate with us to determine which items Habitat can accept for donation or remove prior to starting their work.

Often in the case of a full home demolition, Habitat will partner with [ReUse People of America](#), an organization committed to reducing waste who can perform the full structural dismantle / salvage process. ReUse can take your home down piece-by-piece to salvage as much as possible. They save items such as the studs, roofing materials and where feasible, flooring, exterior doors, windows, etc. These items can be used to build other homes!

They will come out at no charge and provide a demo estimate as well as a “ballpark” appraisal valuation. Then, if you wish, they will do the actual work and provide the appraisal. They utilize their own appraiser.

ReUse People focus on the building structural and “attached items”. A second appraiser will be necessary to evaluate furniture, art, and other loose items. We recommend Richard Burmood (contact information is below) to perform the appraisal for these items.

Tax deduction valuation and when you need an appraiser

It is important that you speak with your accountant directly to be certain about your deduction. However, you are eligible to receive a tax deduction for:

- The value of Items and materials donated
- The cost of an appraisal fee if applicable

A. If your items are worth less than \$5,000- you can assign the value of the items yourself. We will provide an itemized receipt for your tax purposes.

B. If your items are worth more than \$5,000- the IRS requires you submit an [8283 form](#). The form is prepared by an IRS certified appraiser and indicates the value of each item. Habitat’s role is simply to sign the 8283 form verifying we received the items. The IRS certified appraiser fee is minor and also deductible. Typically, the appraiser will come to your home to see what you are donating and will provide a free estimate of your donation value along with an estimate of his fee to do the actual appraisal and prepare the 8283 report. We recommend:

Richard Burmood - Master Piece Appraisals

Cell: 303-918-6597

Email: BoulderGallery@msn.com

More on Tax Benefits

HFH-RFV has been designated as an Enterprise Zone for economic development. Thus, Colorado state taxpayers are eligible for a 12.5% ADDITIONAL tax credit on their state income tax return.