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Subject: What to do with old gear?

Posted by [Leot55](#) on Thu, 29 Jun 2017 15:21:31 GMT

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I have several old school television sets (not flat screen), VCRs, DVD players, speakers, and music players that are in great working order but aren't modern or sought after. I've asked around, and no one is interested in taking these free items off my hands. I hate to send these items off to be recycled because they still work. What do you do with your old gear?

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Subject: Re: What to do with old gear?

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 29 Jun 2017 18:25:57 GMT

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Goodwill usually takes items like that.

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Subject: Re: What to do with old gear?

Posted by [bcharlton](#) on Fri, 30 Jun 2017 08:16:46 GMT

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You aren't alone in this. I hate to give away stuff for recycling purposes when they are in a good condition. Wayne, does goodwill refer to reselling old gadgets that work or can be fixed?

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Subject: Re: What to do with old gear?

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 30 Jun 2017 14:15:24 GMT

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Goodwill will take pretty much anything. I'm not sure how much effort they'll put in fixing something, but I know they'll try. And even obsolete stuff is welcome to someone that has nothing, so they'll sell it very cheap.

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Subject: Re: What to do with old gear?

Posted by [Leot55](#) on Fri, 30 Jun 2017 20:29:11 GMT

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Wayne Parham, I appreciate the suggestion! I should have stated in my OP that I already tried Goodwill and those within a 2 hour radius from me will only accept flat screen televisions and will

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only take VCRs if they are known to contain copper wire.

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Subject: Re: What to do with old gear?

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 30 Jun 2017 20:31:47 GMT

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Gotcha, wow, the ones around me will take pretty much anything.

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Subject: Re: What to do with old gear?

Posted by [vhfspeeks](#) on Sat, 01 Jul 2017 12:32:55 GMT

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Craigslist or eBay can be a good way to get rid of them, if you can find someone willing to do delivery. If none of the charity shops will take them, then you can try car boot fairs or hold a garage sale and see if anyone buys them.

There's a thing of mashable about donating technology. Are any of those useful?

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Subject: Re: What to do with old gear?

Posted by [WorkingWoman2017](#) on Sat, 01 Jul 2017 19:10:36 GMT

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I don't know about you, but it's really hard for me to get rid of things that I've had a long time. Now there are many places online that will buy your old technology and do it rather quickly too. I just think we should keep it out of the landfills, though.

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Subject: Re: What to do with old gear?

Posted by [Keven](#) on Wed, 05 Jul 2017 17:21:44 GMT

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There should be a store around you that either takes things for free or buys them. Goodwill's likely to take just about anything that you bring to them. Actually, as far as I know, they don't turn anything down.

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Subject: Re: What to do with old gear?

Posted by [Leot55](#) on Fri, 07 Jul 2017 21:52:12 GMT

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Thank you all for the help! Keven, I tried Goodwill but they just won't take most of my items. I asked why and it has to do with digital television and the fear that if the items weren't sold, Goodwill would have to pay a disposable or recycling fee.

vhfspeaks, thanks for the great suggestions! I'm happy to say you've helped me clean out most of my clutter. I used a combination of Craigslist and Tech Soup which was mentioned in the Mashable article. When school starts back up I'll check if any teachers want my Disney DVDs.

I'm thankful to you all. It's nice to know someone will get use out of mu old gear that still works great and it's one less thing in the landfill.

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Subject: Re: What to do with old gear?

Posted by [GoldenOldie](#) on Tue, 18 Jul 2017 18:39:02 GMT

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Did you know that some old gear contains precious metals in their formation? Hard drives are an example. I found a site that you can get points to buy other's things for sale. People on this site sell all kinds of stuff, even boxes of HD's. Put your TV's on Listia.com and you might even get some stuff you really want!

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