

Reuse Resource List

Durable Medical Equipment Reuse in Massachusetts

Statewide

REquipment provides gently used refurbished durable medical equipment such as power and manual wheelchairs, scooters, sling lifts, shower chairs and tub benches, standers and adapted strollers and other DME free to people of all ages in Massachusetts. Search inventory of reuse items at dmerequipment.org. We have 4 reuse partners site across the state in Canton, Worcester, Amherst and Pittsfield and a drop off site in Boston. We pick up and deliver donations of gently used DME.

Contact: REquipment toll free at 1-(800) 261-9841 or (508) 713-9690 or info@dmerequipment.org.

Assistive Technology Exchange in New England and New York is a free web based exchange service for people to people to post used assistive technology equipment for sale or donation. The individual arranges pick up of the device directly with the seller/donor. For more info and to post/search items go to getATstuff.org.

Contact: Kobena Bonney, (617) 204-3826, Kobena.Bonney@massmail.state.ma.us

Greater Boston Region

Boston Center for Independent Living

Picks up gently used DME in the Greater Boston area and provides minor refurbishment and pick up/delivers within BCIL's service area.

Contact: Tom Perry (617) 338-6665 or tperry@bostoncil.org

The Boston Home

Accepts donations of gently used DME from former residents and offers the Wheelchair Enhancement Center in Boston. It will provide evaluation, adjustment and modifications to mobility equipment for those with insurance in concert with DME vendors. TBH is a drop off site for the REquipment DME Reuse Program.

Contact: Don Fredette, (617) 825-3905 x 278, dfredette@thebostonhome.org

Hospital Equipment Loan Program (H.E.L.P)

Operated on Saturday mornings only (9:00 am - 12:00 pm) by volunteers from the Masons. DME such as wheelchairs, rollators, tub benches, hospital beds, sling lifts, canes, commodes etc. is available to borrow free for home use. Pick up only, no delivery.

Contact: Woburn: 500 West Cummings Park, Suite 1150, Geoff Bemiss, (781) 322-1052, GABemiss@aol.com, Wilmington: Friendship Lodge, Brian King, (978) 658-4391 and Bernie Nally at (978) 658-3240

Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children (PRHC) (formerly the Mass Hospital School)

PRHC houses one of the REquipment Reuse Partner centers and accepts and refurbishes donated wheeled mobility and of the DME devices. PRHC has a rehab technology center that provides evaluations, designs and customizes DME for its residents and surrounding community.

Contact: Gary Rabideau, Director of Rehab Engineering, (781) 830-8709, gary.rabideau@state.ma.us

South Shore Region

Pass It On, Inc. provides refurbished durable medical equipment to children with disabilities up to the age of 22 for a small delivery fee. Service area is within the Route 495 belt and South Shore area. Accepts only donations of pediatric DME.

Contact: George Navin, (800) 267-6768 or (508) 477-6966, M-F from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. passitoninc@comcast.net, passitonforkids.org. Pass It On, Inc., PO Box 2120, Mashpee, MA 02649

Scituate Etrusco Associates provides loans of gently used durable medical equipment such as manual wheelchairs, walkers, canes, tub seats for use by residents of Scituate, Hull, Hanover, Hingham, Cohasset, Marshfield, Norwell, Duxbury, Pembroke and Kingston. Do accept hospital beds but not power wheelchairs.

Contact: (781) 545-4411, M-F, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Sat 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, 1 Common Street Scituate, MA, scituateetrusco.com

Northeast Region

Yvie's Closet provides refurbished durable medical equipment for children in Southern New Hampshire and Northeastern Massachusetts. Delivery is available for a small fee.

Contact: Karen Livernois, (603) 818-1554, yviescloset@gmail.com, yviescloset.org

Central Region

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Reuse Center - DDS houses one of the REquipment Reuse Partner centers within their DDS AT Center in Worcester. The Reuse Center refurbishes and repairs DME for REquipment as well as DDS clients.

Contact: Jim Smith, (508) 845-9111 x 1025, and mobile: (978) 440-0918

The Wheelchair Recycler accepts donated power wheelchairs, refurbishes and provides to needy individuals at no or very low cost. Limited drop off and pick up availability.

Contact: David Heim, (508) 460-6328, wheelchairrecycler.org

Western Region

Stavros Center for Independent Living accepts donated DME in Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties. Provides refurbishment and delivers within their service area. Stavros houses one of the REquipment Reuse Partner centers.

Contact: Tom Filiault, (800) 804-1899, or (413) 537-0322, info@stavros.org or tfiliault@stavros.org

United Cerebral Palsy of Berkshire County accepts donations of gently used DME in Berkshire County, refurbishes and provides at no cost. Limited ability to pick up, deliver or store.

Contact: Kelly Cote, (413) 442-1562 ext. 20 or Cash McConnell, (413) 442-1562 ext. 28, requipment@ucpberkshire.org.

Other Organizations providing loaned DME in Massachusetts

- **ALS Association of MA**, (781) 255-8884
- **Compassionate Care ALS**, Cape Cod, (508) 444-6775, info@ccals.org
- **Muscular Dystrophy Association of MA**, (866) 249-2834, dspellman@mdausa.org

- **Councils on Aging** - Many COAs have small loan closets of DME items. [Find your local COA here...](#)

Other Reuse Options

Craigslist - online community of buyers and sellers of all types of items. Check the Beauty & Health section of the Craigslist in your area. www.craigslist.com.

Freecycle - online group of local members that donate all types of items for free. Search by zip code to find and join your local Freecycle. Group at freecycle.org

Hospital Beds - Contact Don Hoerman at 860 558 5064

Other New England Programs

NEAT Marketplace, Hartford, CT 860- 243-2869, neatmarketplace.org

ATECH Refurbished Equipment Marketplace, Concord, NH 603-226-2900, shoprem.com

ALLTECH Recycle Reuse Program, Bangor, ME 207-947-9180, alltech-tsi.org

Donating Medical Supplies

Lithuanian Children's Relief Fund (Brockton) Contact Sister Helen Ivanauskasm 508-588-5070

Metrowest Free Medical Clinic (Sudbury, Framingham) 508-656-0740

Scituate Etrusco Associates (Scituate) 781-545-4411

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