



Guide to Medical Equipment Recycling in Massachusetts

REquipment (MRC/MassMATCH) dmeREquipment.org

Provides refurbished, gently used wheeled mobility, lifts and other DME free to people of all ages. Delivery available in the Greater Boston and Central MA. Search inventory of reuse items at www.dmerequipment.org. Gently used DME donations accepted (no beds). See Partner Programs* below. On Facebook at www.facebook.com/dmerequipment

Contact REquipment, toll free (866) 244-6156, (617) 204-3626, info@dmerequipment.org

Get AT Stuff: AT Exchange of New England & New York (MRC/MassMATCH)

Free web-based assistive technology exchange service for people to post used adaptive equipment for sale or donation. The individual must arrange the pick up of the device with the seller/donor. Search for items at www.getatstuff.org.

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

Boston Center for Independent Living

Reuse: Picks up unwanted wheeled mobility (and other DME) in the Greater Boston area. Provides minor refurbishment (replaces batteries and tires) and delivers within BCIL's service area.

Repair: Some repairs done as well.

Contact: Tom Perry (617) 338-6665

The Boston Home*

Reuse: Accepts donations of used wheeled mobility and other DME for REquipment. Offers the B.Mobile! Mobility Enhancement Center in Boston. It will provide evaluation, adjustment and modifications to mobility equipment.

Repair: Has the ability to do repairs on a

fee for service basis. Works in concert with Mass Health DME vendors.

Contact: Don Fredette, (617) 825-3905 x278, dfredette@thebostonhome.org,
Dorchester

DDS Reuse Center*

Reuse: The MA Dept of Developmental Services operates a DME Reuse Center at the DDS AT Center in Worcester. The Reuse Center refurbishes and repairs DME for REquipment as well as DDS clients in state operated facilities and group homes.

Contact: Jim Smith, (508) 845-9111 x1025, mobile: (978) 440-0918, www.dmeREquipment.org



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H.E.L.P. - Freemason's Hospital Equipment Loan Program

Re-use: Durable medical equipment is available to borrow free of charge for home use only. You do not have to be a Freemason to borrow equipment. Includes items such as canes, commodes, tub seats, walkers, wheelchairs, transfer benches, hospital beds, a Hoyer lift, wheelchair ramps. Pick up only.

Contacts:

Woburn: Geoff Bemiss, (781) 322-1052, GABemiss@aol.com. HELP offers free equipment on Saturdays from their Woburn location in Cummings Park, 500 West Cumming Park, Suite 1150. Pick up hours: 9am-12:00 noon.

Wilmington: Friendship Lodge, (978) 658-6731: equipment coordinators Brian King at (978) 658-4391 or Bernie Nally at (978) 658-3240

Massachusetts Hospital School*

Mass Hospital School (DPH) has a rehab technology center that conducts evaluations, designs, customizes and repairs wheeled mobility for residents of the MHS in Canton, MA and surrounding community and REquipment.

Reuse: Accepts donations and refurbishes unwanted wheeled mobility and other DME.

Repairs: Yes (residents only)

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

Helping Hands Program (within the Ayers Handicap Conversion Center)

Reuse: Houses and manages an equipment loan program for durable medical equipment (DME). Donated durable medical equipment (wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, canes, special bathroom equipment and other ambulatory healthcare aids) are available for loan for up to 3 months to residents of Quincy, Scituate, Hanover, Pembroke, Hull, Hingham, Norwell, Marshfield and Cohasset.

Contact: (617) 328-0102 Fax: (617) 328-7566. 440B East Squantum Street, North Quincy, MA 02171.

Pass It On, Inc.

Reuse: Provides free recycled durable medical equipment to children with disabilities up to the age of 22, and their families. Service area is within the Route 495 belt and South coast area. Delivery available for a small fee. Accepts only pediatric DME donations. **Repairs:** None

Contact: George Navin, (800) 267-6768 or (508) 477 6966, Monday through Friday 9-4, Pass It On, Inc, P.O.Box 2120, Mashpee, MA 02649. passitoninc@comcast.net, www.passitonforkids.org.



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Scituate Etrusco Associates

Reuse: Provides a wide range of medical and nursing equipment to loan for home use for residents of Scituate, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Duxbury, Pembroke and Kingston. Do accept hospital beds, but no power wheelchairs. **Repairs:** minor.

Contact: (781) 545-4411, M-F 10-2, Sat 10-12, 1 Common St, Scituate MA, www.scituateetrusco.com

Stavros Center for Independent Living

Reuse: Picks up unwanted wheeled mobility (and other DME) in Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties. Provides minimal refurbishment such as replaces batteries or tires and delivers within their 3 counties. **Repairs:** minor repairs for a small fee.

Contact: Tom Filiault, 1 (800) 804-1899 or (413) 537-0322. TTY: (413) 781-555, info@stavros.org or tfiliault@stavros.org

UCP Berkshire County

Reuse: Operates a Durable Medical Equipment Loaner Program- wheelchairs, walkers, scooters, portable (temporary) ramps, canes, tub seats and other mobility devices are often available at no cost. Limited ability to pick up, deliver or store. Items are available on a first come first serve basis. **Repairs:** None.

Contact: Pittsfield, Cash McConnell, (413) 442-1562 ext. 28, cmcconnell@ucpberkshire.org or cmcconnell@ucpberkshire.org 208 West Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201

The Wheelchair Recycler

Reuse: Accepts unwanted power wheelchairs in the Ashland area. Provides refurbishment if needed and provides to needy individuals at no or very low cost. Limited ability to pick-up and drop off items.

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

Yvie's Closet

Reuse: Provides a range of donated durable medical equipment for children in Southern NH and MA. Delivery available for a small fee.

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



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Disability Support Organizations

These organizations offer free loaner DME including wheelchairs to their constituents.

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

Other Reuse Options

Councils on Aging – Many Councils on Aging keep a small loan closet with DME items. Find your local COA here
<http://www.mcoaonline.com/index.php>

Westford Council on Aging Medical Equipment Loan Program

The Westford COA collects and loans walkers, commodes, manual wheelchairs.
Contact: (978) 692-5523.

Craigslist – Community of buyers and sellers of all kinds of items, some of which are free. See Beauty & Health section at <http://boston.craigslist.org/>

Local Freecycle Groups - Freecycle members donate all kinds of items for free.

Search by zip code to find your local Freecycle group at www.freecycle.org

International Wheelchair Donations

There are several organizations whose mission is to provide wheelchairs to children and adults in less-resourced countries worldwide. Please see this web page below to find organizations that donate equipment internationally as well as in the US.

See: <http://www.mobility-advisor.com/wheelchair-donations.html>

American Medical Resource Foundation (Brockton). Contact Victor@amrf.com

Donating Medical Supplies

These organization may accept unexpired and unopened medical supplies
American Medical Resource Foundation (Brockton). Contact Victor@amrf.com
Lithuanian Children's Relief Fund (Brockton) Contact Sister Helen Ivanauskas, (508) 588-5070.
Metrowest Free Medical Clinic, Sudbury, Framingham, (508) 656-0740
Scituate Etrusco Associates, Scituate and South Shore communities (781) 545-4411