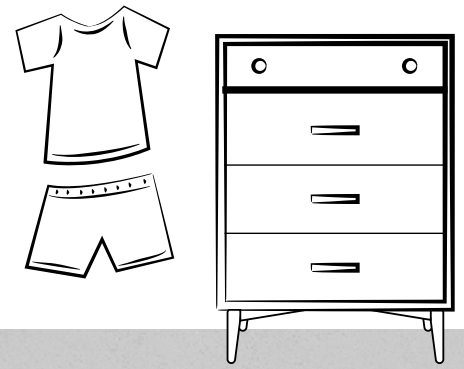


# 10 Tips for Donating Children's Clothes



Parents know how quickly children can outgrow clothing! If you find yourself digging through drawers and closets for the right-sized item, it may be time to donate. These tips can help you get started.

## 1. Know the guidelines.

Are there specific guidelines for clothing donations at the organization you will be donating to? Check to make sure what type of clothing they accept.

## 2. Consider your goals.

Some organizations re-sell donated items and some provide them to those in need free of cost. Additionally, there are organizations that support a variety of causes, such as Big Brother Big Sister Foundation, American Red Cross, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and more.

## 3. Get the kids involved.

Have your kids help choose items to donate. This can be a learning opportunity to help them understand the needs of other children and the benefits of sharing.

## 4. Set time aside.

Choose a less hectic day to sort through clothes. Depending on how much you need to tackle, it could be a time-consuming process. Having a solid stretch of time to declutter can minimize frustration.

## 5. Sort into piles.

Create a pile for clothing with rips or stains. Consider the quality of the items before you donate. Create another pile for clothing you could pass down to siblings or give to friends. These steps will make it easier to determine what clothing items you will donate to the organization of your choice.

## 6. Check pockets.

Who knows what you'll find? Make sure you have everything removed from pockets, including little toys, change, or candy your kids may have stuffed in there at one time.

## 7. Keep sentimental pieces.

If there are items of sentimental value, it's ok to keep them! This is a perfect opportunity to store them in appropriate containers so they remain in good condition for when you want to take a walk down memory lane.

## 8. Clean the clothes.

Even if the clothing hasn't been worn recently, be sure to wash it anyway. Wash the clothing in unscented detergent to avoid possible allergic reactions. This is especially important for baby clothes, as babies have extra sensitive skin.

## 9. Fold and pack.

After laundering the clothes, fold and pack them according to size to make the unpacking process a bit easier for the organization you are contributing to.

## 10. Remember your tax deduction.

When it comes to tax deductions, only donations to qualified charitable organizations are deductible. Do a little research before you drop off items.

**Anytime is the perfect time to donate. Your child's used clothing may be someone else's treasure!**



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