**CLEARINGHOUSE FOR CLEARING HOUSES**

*Downsizing Resources for Sussex County, Delaware*

**Books & Articles**

* *The Buy Nothing, Get Everything Plan: Discover the Joy of Spending Less, Sharing More, and Living Generously*, by Liesl Clark & Rebecca Rockefeller, 2020
* *Downsizing The Family Home: What to Save – What to Let Go*, by Marni Jameson, AARP 2015
* *The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing,* by Marie Kondo, 2010
* *The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning: How to Free Yourself and Your Family from a Lifetime of Clutter*, by Margareta Magnusson, 2017
* “A Guide to Getting Rid of Almost Everything”, by Patricia Marx, *New Yorker*, 2/28/2022 (Article)
* *Keep the Memories, Lose the Stuff*, by Matt Paxton with Jordan Michael Smith, 2022

**Full-Service Downsizing/Decluttering Companies**

* Caring Transitions of Southern Delaware (franchise), 302-648-5552 – Stacey Himler, 302-604-8689, [shimler@caringtransitions.com](mailto:shimler@caringtransitions.com), caringtransitionssoutherndelaware.com
* Squared Away Today, Stephanie Fletcher, 302-270-8191, [steph@squaredawaytoday.com](mailto:steph@squaredawaytoday.com), squaredawaytoday.com

**Thrift Stores - Lewes & Rehoboth**

* All Saints & St. George’s Parish Thrift Shops, 2 stores, same contact info for both 302-226-3123, M-F 10-4, Saturday 9-2, allsaintsandsaint-georges.org
  + Parish Thrift Shop @ Rehoboth, 20673 Coastal Hwy, Rehoboth Beach
  + Parish Thrift Shop @ Midway, 18675 Coastal Hwy, Rehoboth Beach
* American Veteran’s Thrift Shop – 2 stores
  + 34396 Tenley Court, Lewes, 302-703-6406, M-Sat 9-5
  + 35224 Hudson Way, Rehoboth Beach, 302-200-7913, M-F 10-6
* Conley’s Community Thrift Shop – 22150 Robinsville Rd, Lewes, 302-945-5566, Tu-F 10-4, Sat 9-3
* God’s Way – 19871 Coastal Hwy, Rehoboth Beach, 302-227-2314 M-F, 9-5
* Habitat for Humanity ReStore – 18501 Stamper Dr., Lewes, 302-855-1156, Tu-Sat 10-5 (no clothes, no jewelry)
* New Life Thrift Shop – 34686 Jiffy Way, Lewes, M-Sat 10-4, 302-644-0171
* Unfinished Business – 18389 Olde Coach Dr., Rehoboth Beach, 302-645-8700, M-Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3

**Thrift Stores – Georgetown:**

* Pickers Paradise Thrift Store, Georgetown, Th & Sat. 9-6, Sun 9-5
* Robin Hood Thrift Store – Cedar St. & Kinney St., Georgetown, M-Th 12-3, Sat 9-12

**Thrift Stores -- Milford**:

* Bridging the Gap Thrift Store – 21 SE Front St., Milford, M-Sat. 10-5
* God’s Way Thrift Store, 1 Maple Ave, Milford, 9-5 M-Sat.
* Goodwill – 694 N. Dupont Blvd, Milford – M-Sat 10-8, Sun 11-7
* Salvation Army Thrift Store – 117 SE Front St., Milford, M-Sat 10-7

**Thrift Stores -- Millsboro**:

* Christian Storehouse – 149 Mitchell St., Millsboro, M-Sat 10-2
* Goodwill – 28595 E. Dupont Blvd, Millsboro, M-Sat 10-8, Sun 11-7

**Thrift Stores – Bridgeville, Laurel, Ocean View, Seaford, Selbyville**

* Goodwill – 18178 Sussex Highway, Bridgeville, M-Sat 10-8, Sun 11-7
* Bridgeville Thrift Store – 603 S. Main St., Bridgeville, M-Sat 9-6
* Good Samaritan Thrift Shop – 115 Market St., Laurel, Th-Fri 10-4, Sat 10-1
* Pam’s Treasures – 233 Mechanic St., Laurel, Sat-Sun 9-5
* Thrifty Creations Thrift Shop – 1003 S. Central Ave, Unit B, Laurel, M-Th 10-5, F-Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4, 302-667-0118
* Atlantic Community Thrift – 34634 Atlantic Ave, Ocean View, W-F 12-3, Sat 9-12
* Curiosity Shop – 1100 Middleford Rd., Seaford, Tu-Sat 10-3
* Delmarva Teen Challenge Mega Thrift – 22941 Sussex Hwy, Seaford, M-Sat 9-6
* Samaritan Thrift – 38288 London Ave, Selbyville, M, Tu, Th, F 9-3, Sat 9-12

**Auctions/Estate Sales**

* A&M Auction/Appraisals – Dave Allen, 302-545-1903
* Emmert Auction Associates, 302-227-1433, emmertauction.com
* Reagan Watson Auctions – Scott Reagan, 302-228-7355 (Milford area)

**Consignment**

* Christine’s Consignments (2 shops)
  + 42 Atlantic Ave, Ocean View, DE, 302-829-1425, Th-Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4, Mon-Tu 10-5. Closed Wed. CLOTHES ONLY
  + 1300 Coastal Hwy, Fenwick Island – 302-537-1037, Th-Sat 11-5, Sun 10-3. Closed Tuesdays & Wednesdays. NO CLOTHES
* Seaquels Furniture Consignment Shop – 4 Town Road, Ocean View, W-Sat 10-4
* She Sells Consignment & Resale Boutique – 15 Atlantic Ave, Ocean View M, Th-Sat 10:30 – 4:30, Sun 10:30-2:30
* Wilson’s Auction (in-person consignment auction) - 10120 DuPont Blvd (Rt. 113 South), Lincoln, DE 302-422-3454, Wilsonsauction.com

**Donate to Organizations that give items away to people in need (not resale)**

* Higher Ground House – day shelter for homeless, 12 East Pine Street, Georgetown, 302-470-7497, help@highergroundoutreachinc.org, Th-Tues 9-6
* Home of the Brave – 6632 Sharps Rd, Milford, 302-424-1681, serves veterans, homeofthebravefdn.org
* Lions Club – medical equipment, eyeglasses
* Shepherd’s Office – 408 N. Bedford St., Georgetown, 302-858-8556 (supports the homeless) (check phone number)

**Give Things Away**

* Offer to family, friends, neighbors informally
* Buy Nothing Groups (Facebook, limited membership, very local)
* “Angels Among Us” or Delaware free Stuff – facebook group
* Freecycle.org (online, not Facebook)
* Community websites and facebook groups (may also be allowed to sell items)
* NextDoor, OfferUp (online, not Facebook); can offer for free or for sale

**Selling Things on Your Own**

* Yard sale – by yourself or as part of a community sale
* Ebay, Craig’s List (online but not FaceBook)
* NextDoor groups, OfferUp (online but not Facebook) – can also give away
* Facebook Marketplace, and related “online yard sale groups”; also groups related to specific types of things, for example Coke Collection, Nascar Collection, etc.
* “Everything But The Kitchen Sink” internet site

**Recycling:**

* **Through DSWA (Delaware Solid Waste Authority) DWSA.com**
  + Free drop off at DWSA sites including Electronics, Batteries, Styrofoam
  + Trash companies offer Single Stream Recycling
* Staples – takes a wide range of electronics
* New Balance, other shoe stores take shoes for recycling
* Fitzgerald Salvage & Recycling, 17115 Fitzgeralds Rd, Lincoln, DE 19960, 302-422-7584, info@fitzgeralds.us, M-F 8-4, Sat 8-12 – scrap metal, appliances, cars

*“Use it Up, Wear It Out, Make it Do or Do Without”*

*“Helping people who need a hand up”*