

15 Things to Check Before You Donate Anything

*Because Once It's Gone,
It's Much Harder To Get Back*

A quick guide to help you make confident decisions
before valuable items leave your home.



A Clarity Before You Sell Guide

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INTRODUCTION



Thank you for downloading this guide.

If you're sorting through closets, boxes, storage units, inherited belongings, or simply trying to clear space in your home, you're not alone.

People sometimes donate items with good intentions, only to discover later that they gave away something valuable, collectible, sentimental, or difficult to replace.

Before you load another donation box, take a few moments to consider these common challenges.

THREE COMMON CHALLENGES PEOPLE FACE

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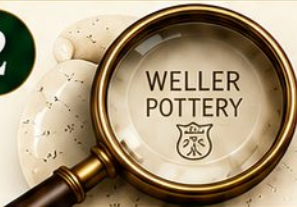
"I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START."

When everything feels overwhelming, it's tempting to start donating items just to make progress.

SOLUTION:

A few minutes of checking can help you avoid donating something you'll later wish you had researched.

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"I'M AFRAID I'LL MAKE THE WRONG DECISION."

Many people worry about accidentally donating something valuable, collectible, or meaningful.

SOLUTION:

You don't need to become an expert. You simply need a process. This guide will show you what to check first.

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"I JUST WANT THIS DONE."

Whether you're right-sizing, settling an estate, helping a loved one move, or clearing years of accumulated belongings, the pressure to finish quickly is real.

SOLUTION:

Taking a few extra minutes today may save years of regret tomorrow.

THE GOAL OF THIS GUIDE



This guide is not designed to make you keep everything.

It is designed to help you donate with confidence.

The following pages contain 15 simple things worth checking before an item leaves your home.

Some items will still be perfect candidates for donation.

Others may deserve a second look.

Either way, you'll be making decisions with greater clarity, confidence, and peace of mind.

Let's Begin.

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15 THINGS TO CHECK BEFORE YOU DONATE ANYTHING

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IS THERE A MAKER'S MARK?

Look underneath, inside drawers, on the back, or inside lids for a manufacturer's name, logo, model number, or label.

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IS IT OLDER THAN YOU THINK?

Items from parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents may deserve a closer look for age, rarity, maker, or craftsmanship.

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IS IT HANDMADE?

Handmade quilts, pottery, furniture, artwork, and textiles can be worth researching before donating.

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IS IT SOLID WOOD?

Older solid wood furniture may deserve a closer look for its maker, construction, materials, and craftsmanship.

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DOES IT CONTAIN REAL SILVER?

Look for:

- Sterling
- 925
- Coin Silver

Do not assume tarnished means worthless.

REFLECTION

*Which item in your home might
deserve a second look?*

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IS IT VINTAGE KITCHENWARE?

Check for:

- Pyrex
- Fire-King
- Corning Ware
- Cast Iron
- Vintage mixers
- Other well-known brands

Certain patterns, colors, and makers may be collectible.

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IS IT VINTAGE GLASS OR CRYSTAL?

Look for:

- Fenton
- Waterford
- Baccarat
- Murano
- Depression Glass

Certain pieces may be collectible. Look for maker's marks.

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DOES IT HAVE ORIGINAL PACKAGING?

Original boxes, paperwork, tags, and manuals may add collector interest or value.

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IS IT A COLLECTION?

Collections may be worth evaluating as a group before separating or donating individual pieces.

Examples:

- Coins
- Stamps
- Dolls
- Breyer Horses
- Trading Cards
- Other collections

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IS IT A BOOK, MANUAL, OR PAPER ITEM WORTH RESEARCHING?

Check for:

- First editions
- Signed copies
- Antique books
- Limited editions
- Vintage manuals
- Historical documents
- Photographs

KEEP GOING

5 more important things to check before you donate anything.

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IS IT VINTAGE ADVERTISING?

Old signs, tins, crates, bottles, and promotional items may be collectible.

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DOES IT HAVE MILITARY HISTORY?

Research before donating:

- Uniforms
- Photographs
- Medals
- Documents
- Patches
- Other related items

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IS IT JEWELRY?

Even broken jewelry may have value.

Look for:

- 10K
- 14K
- 18K
- 925 (Sterling)
- Platinum
- Other hallmarks or maker's marks

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IS IT SENTIMENTAL AND IRREPLACEABLE?

Photos, letters, recipes, journals, and family records cannot easily be replaced. Take time to look through these before donating.

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HAVE YOU RESEARCHED IT YET?

Spend five minutes checking:

- Google Lens (for identification)
- eBay Sold Listings (for recent sold comparisons)
- Collector Groups (for additional information)

Compare more than one source when possible.

FINAL THOUGHT

Before you donate:



STOP



CHECK



RESEARCH



DECIDE

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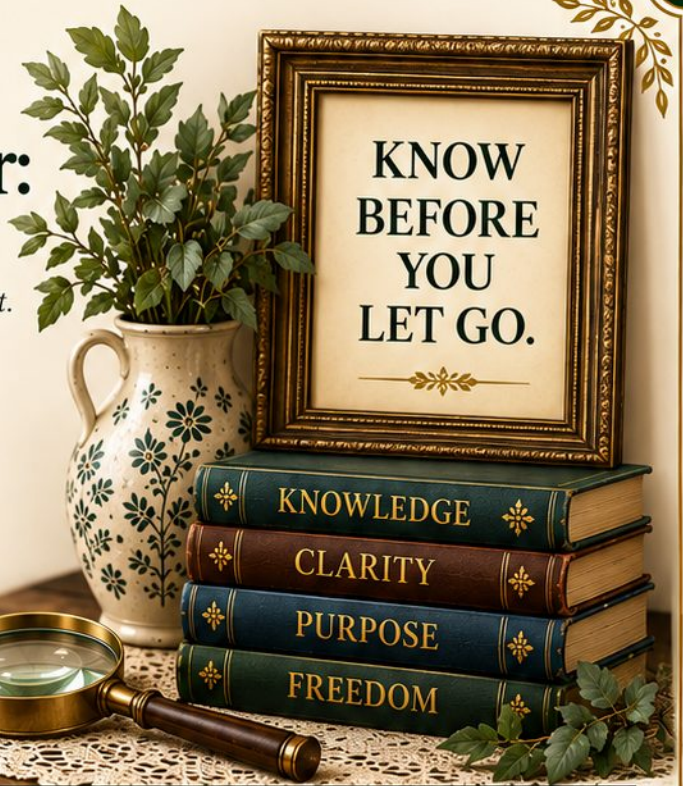


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NOT SURE WHAT TO DO NEXT?

Clarity Before You Sell helps you know what deserves
a closer look before you sell, donate, or let it go.



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REMEMBER

You don't have to research everything.
You don't have to decide everything today.
You don't have to do it perfectly.

Just take the next step.

One room. One shelf. One box. One item.

NEED A SECOND SET OF EYES?

Some things are easy to let go.
Others deserve a closer look.

When you're unsure, Clarity Before You Sell
can help you decide what deserves more
research and what to do next.



Explore your options when you're ready.

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