

Clean your Attic Day Part 5 - Clothing, Household Goods and Furniture - Big Brother Big Sister

We all know the expression "One man's trash is another man's treasure," and what greater treasure exists than the future of a child?! At the upcoming Natick Recycling/Clean Your Attic Day on Saturday, March 21st, you will have the opportunity to bring your unwanted household items to the Natick High School for collection by the Big Brother Big Sister Foundation. The Foundation, in turn, will sell the collected items and donate 100% of the net profits to their mentoring programs for children.

The BBBS Foundation is dedicated to supporting Big Brother Big Sister organizations in the Greater Boston area. Their mission is to raise money for these agencies by helping the community to "Clean up Clutter for a Good Cause!" They send their fleet of trucks to 194 towns in Eastern Massachusetts and pick up gently used items from local residents—including resalable clothing, small household items and furniture (see below for full list of what is/is not accepted).

The profits from the collection and subsequent sale of the household goods help to provide more than 5,000 children with one-to-one friendships with adult mentors. These programs offer boys and girls the opportunity to receive individual attention from a non-family adult that can further enrich their lives and positively impact their future. The Big Brother and Big Sister agencies have been providing mentoring services to local children for more than fifty years.

Through the "Clean up Clutter for a Good Cause" campaign, which has been happening since 1996, cleaning out your home serves the community at the same time. When you donate clothing and other items to the BBBS Foundation, the household items are sold in bulk to thrift stores, like Savers. So, whether you are "Cleaning Your Attic" or "Cleaning Up Clutter," by bringing your household items to the Natick High School on March 21st, you are doing something for yourself and ultimately could be helping a child get connected with someone who could change their life forever. We look forward to seeing you then!

What's accepted:

- Clothing (for men, women, and children): coats, jackets, jeans (new, used, faded, ripped), shirts, sweatshirts, t-shirts, shoes/sneakers
- Household items: blankets, books (no encyclopedias, textbooks or magazines), CD players, clocks, curtains, dishes (must be packed for moving), doilies, fabric, irons, jewelry, knick-knacks, pictures, pillowcases, pots/pans, purses, records, silverware, small rugs, sporting goods (no skis or exercise equipment), stereos, toys (no large plastic toys or outdoor toys)
- Furniture that is in good resalable condition. No Mattresses or Bed Frames.

What's not accepted:

- air conditioners, batteries, box springs, mattresses, cots, building supplies, bicycles, cars, boats, car seats, charcoal grills, gas grills, exercise equipment, food, hazardous materials, large appliances (microwave size and bigger), magazines, encyclopedias, newspapers, organs, pianos, rug pads, sofa beds, space heaters, tires, water heaters, outdoor toys furniture, halogen lamps, carpeting, computers or monitors, tools, skis/boots/poles, or TVs.
- Most infant items, including cribs, strollers, highchairs, car seats and playpens, because they are often recalled.

In addition to Clothing, Household Goods and Furniture, the following items will be accepted during the Clean Your Attic Recycling Event: TV's, Computers and Electronics (\$5 - \$20), Bicycles and parts (\$10 donation requested), Books (Free) and secure document shredding is offered (\$5 - \$10). We've finished our series on Clean Your Attic Day. We hope you'll help us spread the word by telling your neighbors and friends. We look forward to seeing you Saturday, March 21st for our Recycling Event! For more information and what can be recycled at CYA day, check out:

www.NatickRecycle.pbwiki.com where we have all the event info, Q&A on how and what to recycle in Natick and the complete series of articles on "Clean Your Attic" Day. Make sure you CYA!

The Natick Recycling Committee can be contacted at natickrecycles@rcn.com

Save the event info below: "Clean Your Attic" Day Recycling Event - Natick

Date: Saturday, March 21st 2009, 9am – 1pm, Rain or Shine. **Location:** Natick High School Parking lot

Paper Shredding/Document Destruction: Fee: \$5 per bin for residents, \$10 per bin for businesses, 'bin' is a standard size town recycling bin; NAID AAA certified, EL Harvey, www.elharvey.com

Computer and Electronics Recycling (come early only filling one truck), Fee: Computers & electronics: \$5 per item; TVs: \$15- \$20 depending on size (no microwaves)

Book Recycling (No Fee): Books, Textbooks, CD's, DVD's, Videos; Got Books, Inc., www.GotBooks.com

Note: unable to accept encyclopedias, magazines, newspapers, or catalogs

Clothing, Household Goods and Furniture (No Fee): Big Brother Big Sister, www.bbsa.org, check our Natick website for complete list of items accepted

Bicycles & Parts - Bikes-Not-Bombs: www.bikesnotbombs.org \$10 donation per bike & nothing severely rusted (If there is a snow storm called for that morning, please check our website or call DPW, snow date is Sat. March 28th)

More info at: www.natickrecycle.pbwiki.com/FrontPage **Contact us at:** natickrecycles@rcn.com

* Natick Food Pantry donations will be accepted and appreciated at this event.