DONATED GOODS & THE I.R.S.: A TAXPAYER'S GUIDE

Most people know they could be entitled to a tax deduction when donating used items to charities. Deciding how much to deduct is the problem.

The IRS guideline is fair market value (the price you, an informed and willing seller, would get if you sold the item to an informed and willing buyer.) Some charities give you an appraisal figure, but others do not. In either case, IRS requires proof that you made the donation and documentation supporting its appraised value.

The following guidelines suggest some price ranges for items in good condition.

For a more detailed list, go to: www.satruck.org, scroll down and click on "What kinds of items can I donate?"

LADIES' CLOTHING		Number	Amount
Dresses	$3.50 - 25.00		
Evening Dresses	10.00 - 80.00		
Suits	10.00 - 85.00		
Shoes	2.00 - 12.00		
Coats	10.00 - 80.00		
Skirts	3.00 - 15.00		
Blouses	1.50 - 8.00		
Handbags	1.00 - 4.00		
Hats	2.00 - 6.00		
Sweaters	3.00 - 8.00		
Slacks	4.00 - 20.00		
Bathrobes	4.00 - 12.00		
MEN'S CLOTHING			
Suits	$20.00 - 85.00		
Jackets	10.00 - 45.00		
Shoes	2.00 - 12.00		
Slacks	4.00 - 20.00		
Shirts	1.50 - 5.00		
Overcoats	20.00 - 80.00		
Sweaters	4.00 - 8.00		
Belts & Ties	1.00 - 15.00		
CHILDREN'S CLOTHING			
Coats	$5.00 - 15.00		
Snowsuits	5.00 - 10.00		
Shoes	1.00 - 6.00		
Dresses	3.00 - 6.00		
Pants	2.00 - 5.00		
Shirts	1.00 - 2.00		
Boots	2.00 - 4.00		
Sweaters	2.00 - 5.00		
SPORTING GOODS			
Bicycle	$20.00 - 60.00		
Ice Skates	3.00 - 15.00		
Roller Skates	3.00 - 15.00		
Tennis Racket	2.00 - 5.00		
Golf Clubs	2.00 - 25.00		
Roller Blades	3.00 - 15.00		
	TOTAL		

DRY GOODS		Number	Amount
Blankets	$5.00 - 12.00		
Bedspreads	5.00 - 20.00		
Pillows	2.00 - 8.00		
Sheets	2.00 - 6.00		
Curtains	2.00 - 20.00		
Drapes	6.50 - 40.00		
Throw Rugs	3.00 - 15.00		
HOUSEHOLD GOODS			
Kitchen Chair	$2.50 - 10.00		
Kitchen Set	65.00 - 120.00		
End Tables	16.00 - 65.00		
Coffee Table	25.00 - 80.00		
Washing Machine	40.00 - 150.00		
Vacuum Cleaner	20.00 - 60.00		
Dryer	45.00 - 90.00		
Refrigerator	60.00 - 150.00		
Gas Stove	50.00 - 125.00		
TV (Color)	75.00 - 200.00		
Dresser/mirror	45.00 - 150.00		
Chest	25.00 - 95.00		
Wardrobe	20.00 - 100.00		
Double Bed	50.00 - 120.00		
Single Bed	35.00 - 80.00		
Double Mattress	12.50 - 25.00		
Single Mattress	10.00 - 20.00		
Folding Bed	20.00 - 60.00		
Sofa	35.00 - 200.00		
China Cabinet	85.00 - 300.00		
Trunk	5.00 - 70.00		
Floor Lamp	8.00 - 30.00		
Sleeper Sofa	85.00 - 300.00		
Desk	45.00 - 150.00		
Radio	2.00 - 50.00		
Crib w/mattress	25.00 - 85.00		
Playpen	10.00 - 30.00		
BOOKS AND MULTIMEDIA			
Paper back	0.15 - 2.00		
Hardcover	1.00 - 6.00		
	TOTAL		