

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH MEDWISH

## MEDICAL SURPLUS RECOVERY GUIDE

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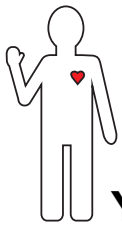
### HERE'S THE GOOD NEWS.

A lot of what we throw away in hospitals, doctors offices and clinics could have

**a second life  
saving lives.**

That's where we come in - you, a health care professional with an eye for resourcefulness and a heart for helping others - and MedWish, the Cleveland-based organization that recovers surplus supplies and equipment and connects these items to recipients in developing countries, where **instead of going to waste, it's put to use.**

### HOW IT WORKS.



**You...**

- ➔ Get to know our "hot list" - things our recipients always need (see reverse). Keep an eye out for surplus in your department that is destined for the landfill but would better serve our recipients overseas.
- ➔ Talk to your hospital's MedWish Champion to learn how your supplies can get to us. Check with your materials management department or call MedWish at (216) 692-1685 to find out who is your champion.
- ➔ Be our first line of defense for quality assurance. It costs a lot of time and money to dispose of unusable donations. **Please do not donate any of these items:**



Expired Supplies  
(They won't get through customs.)



Items contaminated  
by patient contact.



Broken, torn or  
incomplete equipment  
(Ex.: Defibrillators must  
have battery, power cord  
and paddles.)



**We...**

- ➔ Work with your facility's MedWish Champion to coordinate donation of medical surplus.
- ➔ Take donations to our sorting and distribution center, where volunteers check, sort and pack items for shipment.
- ➔ Work with recipients to \*\*send exactly the type and quantity of items they need. That could be a single box of sutures or a 40' cargo container filled with hospital beds, wheelchairs and pallets of supplies.

#### MORE WAYS YOU CAN HELP MEDWISH

\*The work isn't over when your donations arrive at our distribution center. Come help us sort and pack! Visit [medwish.org](http://medwish.org) and click on "Volunteer" to learn more and sign up.

\*\*Supplies themselves are given free of charge. Recipients must cover shipping & packing costs. It's what keeps our doors open, but we are always looking for donations to cover costs our recipients cannot afford. Visit [medwish.org/give](http://medwish.org/give) to help!

# GIVE RIGHT. SAVE LIVES.

## Hot List

These items are always in high demand among our recipients. **Remember:** Expired, contaminated, broken or incomplete items are *never* on the hot list.



## Equipment

- ➔ All-position chairs
- ➔ Autopsy tables
- ➔ Bedside cabinets
- ➔ Canes
- ➔ Crash carts
- ➔ Cribs
- ➔ Crutches
- ➔ Dialysis chairs
- ➔ Exam tables
- ➔ Gooseneck lamps
- ➔ Gurneys
- ➔ Hospital beds (*true hospital beds, not "home health" beds*)
- ➔ Hoyer lifts
- ➔ IV Poles
- ➔ Manual wheelchairs
- ➔ Over-the-bed tray tables
- ➔ Phlebotomy chairs
- ➔ Physical therapy tables
- ➔ Privacy screens
- ➔ Shelving
- ➔ Spinal boards
- ➔ Utility carts
- ➔ Walkers

## Supplies

- ➔ 10, 20, and 60 Drop solution sets
- ➔ Adhesive bandages
- ➔ Adult diapers
- ➔ Ambu bags (all sizes)
- ➔ Antibiotic ointment
- ➔ Anti-embolism stockings
- ➔ Blood glucose meters
- ➔ Blood glucose test strips
- ➔ Booties
- ➔ Braces
- ➔ Butterfly needles
- ➔ Casting bandage
- ➔ Chux underpads
- ➔ Cotton umbilical tape & clamps
- ➔ CPR supplies
- ➔ Delivery/OB kits
- ➔ Dental hygiene items
- ➔ Ear/ulcer bulb syringes
- ➔ External catheters
- ➔ Face masks
- ➔ Feeding tubes
- ➔ Fetoscope
- ➔ Foley catheters & insertion kits
- ➔ Gauze
- ➔ Gloves, sterile & exam
- ➔ Goggles
- ➔ Gowns
- ➔ Gravity feeding sets
- ➔ Hemocult/serracult tests
- ➔ Hot & cold packs
- ➔ IV catheters & start kits
- ➔ Lap sponges
- ➔ Medical tape
- ➔ Nasal dressing
- ➔ Nasogastric tubes
- ➔ Needles & syringes (all sizes)
- ➔ Ophthalmoscope
- ➔ OR Caps
- ➔ Otoscope
- ➔ Perineal pads
- ➔ Pregnancy tests
- ➔ Reflex hammers
- ➔ Saline solution
- ➔ Saline syringes
- ➔ Self catheter kits
- ➔ Sharps containers
- ➔ Thermometers (no mercury)
- ➔ Splints
- ➔ Sterile drapes, OR towels & sheets
- ➔ Sterile scalpels
- ➔ Sterile water
- ➔ Stethoscopes
- ➔ Sutures (all sizes/kinds)
- ➔ Thermometers
- ➔ Tongue depressors
- ➔ Tourniquets
- ➔ Travel-size toiletries
- ➔ Undercast padding
- ➔ Urinalysis tests
- ➔ Urine meter
- ➔ Vaginal packing
- ➔ Vaginal pre-op kits
- ➔ Vaginal speculums (Stainless steel & plastic)
- ➔ Wound dressings

**Please note:** Many other supplies and pieces of equipment may be appropriate for donation. Call to inquire about any other items you would like to donate: (216) 692-1685.