



Guide to Medical Equipment Reuse Options in Massachusetts

REquipment Program (MRC/MassMATCH)

Provides refurbished, gently used wheeled mobility, lifts and other DME free to people of all ages. Delivery available in the Greater Boston area. Search available inventory at www.dmerequipment.org. DME donations accepted. * = Partner Programs.

Contact REquipment 617-204-3626, reuse@massmail.state.ma.us.

Get AT Stuff Program: Assistive Technology Exchange of Northeast (MRC/MassMATCH)

Free web-based assistive technology exchange service for people to post used adaptive equipment for sale or donation. The individual must arrange the pick up of the device with the seller/donor. Search for items at www.getatstuff.org.

Contact Kobena Bonney, 617-204-3826, Kobena.bonney@massmail.state.ma.us

Boston Center for Independent Living*

Reuse: Picks up unwanted wheeled mobility (and other DME) in the Greater Boston area. Provides minor refurbishment (replaces batteries and tires) and delivers within BCIL's service area. **Repair:** Some repairs done as well.

Contact: Tom Perry (617) 338-6665

The Boston Home*

Reuse: Receives donations of used wheeled mobility. Will distribute equipment if recipient can pick up at The Boston Home. Has created the B.Mobile! Mobility Enhancement Center. It will provide evaluation, adjustment and modifications to mobility equipment. **Repair:** Has the ability to do repairs on a fee for service basis. Works in concert with Mass Health DME vendors.

Contact: Don Fredette, (617) 825-3905 x278, dfredette@thebostonhome.org

DDS Assistive Technology Centers*

The MA DDS operates 3 AT Centers across the state that conduct evaluations, design, customize and fabricate seating system for DDS clients in state operated facilities and group homes.

3 Locations:

- NEW! DDS AT Center, 324 Clark St, Worcester
- Kelley AT Center, 450 Maple Street Danvers MA
- Northampton AT Center, 195 Industrial Drive, Northampton MA

Reuse: They accept donations of used wheeled mobility but have limited ability for pick up and drop off. They work with Mass Health DME vendors. **Repairs:** They also repair wheeled mobility if beyond scope of the DME provider.



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Contact: Tom Mercier OTR/L ATP, Deputy Director AT Services, Dept. of Developmental Services. TMercier@massmail.state.ma.us, 978-774-5000 x215

H.E.L.P. - Freemason's Hospital Equipment Loan Program

Re-use: Durable medical equipment is available to borrow free of charge for home use only. You do not have to be a Freemason to borrow equipment. Includes items such as canes, commodes, tub seats, walkers, wheelchairs, transfer benches, hospital beds, a Hoyer lift, wheelchair ramps.

Contacts:

Woburn: Geoff Bemiss, 781-322-1052, GABemiss@aol.com. HELP offers free equipment on Saturdays from their Woburn location in Cummings Park, 500 West Cumming Park, Suite 1150. Pick up hours: 9am-12:00 noon.

Wilmington: Friendship Lodge, (978) 658-6731: equipment coordinators Brian King at (978) 658-4391 or Bernie Nally at (978) 658-3240

Massachusetts Hospital School (DPH)*

MHS has a rehab technology center that conducts evaluations, designs, customizes and

repairs wheeled mobility for residents of the Mass Hospital School in Canton, MA and surrounding community.

Reuse: Accepts donations of unwanted wheeled mobility and other DME. **Repairs:** Works in concert with Mass Health DME vendors (for MHS students)

Contact: Gary Rabideau, Director of Rehab Engineering, 781-830-8709 gary.rabideau@state.ma.us

Helping Hands Program (within the Ayers Handicap Conversion Center)

Reuse: Houses and manages an equipment loan program for durable medical equipment (DME). Donated durable medical equipment (wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, canes, special bathroom equipment and other ambulatory healthcare aids) are available for loan for up to 3 months to residents of Quincy and the South Shore (Scituate, Hanover, Pembroke, Hull, Hingham, Norwell, Marshfield and Cohasset).

Contact: Phone: (617) 328-0102 Fax: (617) 328-7566. 440B East Squantum Street, North Quincy, MA 02171.

Pass It On, Inc.

Reuse: Provides free recycled durable medical equipment to children with disabilities up to the age of 22, and their families. Service area is



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within the Route 495 belt and South coast area. Delivery available for a small fee. Accepts only pediatric DME donations. **Repairs:** None

Contact: George Navin, 1 800-267-6768 or 1 508 477 6966, Monday through Friday 9-4, Pass It On, Inc, P.O.Box 2120, Mashpee, MA 02649. passitoninc@comcast.net, see www.passitonforkids.org.

Stavros Center for Independent Living (W. MA)

Reuse: Picks up unwanted wheeled mobility (and other DME) in Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties. Provides minimal refurbishment such as replaces batteries or tires and delivers within their 3 counties.

Repairs: None

Contact: Tom Filiault, 1 800-804-1899 or (413) 537-0322. TTY: (413) 781-5555, info@stavros.org or tfiliault@stavros.org

UCP Berkshire County

Reuse: Operates a Durable Medical Equipment Loaner Program- wheelchairs, walkers, scooters, portable (temporary) ramps, canes, tub seats and other mobility devices are often available at no cost. Limited ability to pick up, deliver or store. UCP maintains a list of large items that are available and matches them to a person in the community as able. UCP also installs safety flags on wheelchairs. **Repairs:** None.

Contact: Pittsfield, Jenn Ressler, 413-442-1562, info@ucpberkshire.org or jressler@ucpberkshire.org. 208 West Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201. North Adams: Phone/TTY: (413) 663-5019. 535 Curran Highway, North Adams, MA 01247.

The Wheelchair Recycler

Reuse: Picks up unwanted power wheelchairs in the Ashland area. Provides refurbishment if needed and provides to needy individuals at no or very low cost. Limited ability to pick-up and drop off items.

Contact: David Heim, (508) 460-6328, www.wheelchairecycler.org

Other Reuse Options

Councils on Aging – Many COAs keep a small loan closet with DME items. Find your local COA here

<http://www.mcoaonline.com/index.php>

Craigslist – Community of buyers and sellers of all kinds of items, some of which are free.

<http://boston.craigslist.org/>

Local Freecycle Groups - Freecycle members donate all kinds of items for free. Search by zip code to find your local freecycle group at

www.freecycle.org



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International Wheelchair Donations

There are several organizations whose mission is to provide wheelchairs to children and adults in less-resourced countries worldwide. Please see this web page below to find organizations that donate equipment internationally as well as in the US.

See: <http://www.mobility-advisor.com/wheelchair-donations.html>

Donating Medical Supplies

Metrowest Free Medical Clinic (Sudbury, Framingham) (508)656-0740

Lithuanian Children's Relief Fund (Brockton)
Contact Sister Helen Ivanauskas, (508) 588-5070.

American Medical Resource Foundation
(Brockton). Contact Victor@amrf.com

Disability Support Organizations

[MDA of MA](#)

[ALS Assn](#)

[ALS Compassionate Care](#)