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**TREASURE HUNT WEBSITE AVAILABLE TO GIVE OR GET FREE ITEMS**

Do you have a barely used two-wheel bike with training wheels that a child might want for the holidays? How about a video game that's collecting dust? These are just a few examples of the kinds of things that can be listed on Westchester County's Treasure Hunt website at [www.westchestergov.com/treasures](http://www.westchestergov.com/treasures).

The site is a free informational data bank, designed to put Westchester's useable items back to good use. It lists used household items like furniture, kitchen and garden appliances, office equipment and children's toys. Items are listed free for one week, no money can be charged for the items and recipients are responsible for pickup.

You can also donate your no-longer-wanted items on the site. There are many well-deserving people who can probably use what you no longer need. Many families on tight budgets have taken advantage of this program to start a new home. Moms-to-be have found baby furniture, toys, clothing and kitchen utensils through the website. Hospital beds, wheelchairs and dorm furniture have also been picked up within days of their website posting.

The website is managed by the county's Recycling Office. Besides putting bottles, cans and paper out in recycling bins, the exchange of used household items is another form of recycling. You do not need to have a computer to participate. To list an item you need or want to give away, you can call (914) 813-5415 or go directly to the website. You can choose to be contacted by phone, e-mail or both.

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