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City of Springfield's Large Item Pickup Now Available through Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County

Eligible Springfield residents who would like to use the city's free large-item pickup service may call Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County (HFHSC) Monday through Friday to schedule a pickup.

City of Springfield residents are eligible to have a maximum of six large items picked up annually; city residents can schedule a one-time pickup of six items or two separate pickups of no more than three large items. Not eligible for large-item pickup are hazardous items such as tires, TV's and other electronic goods, central air conditioning units, landscaping items, railroad ties, paint or hazardous substances, remodeling waste, and scrap metal.

"We're taking city residents' calls now and setting the dates for pickup of their large items," said Lance Morgan, Habitat ReStore Manager. "Please call Habitat *before* hauling your items to the curb. We will give you your pickup date. The city doesn't allow items to be placed on the curb for more than 24-hours."

Residents should contact Habitat at 523-2710, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., to schedule a pickup of large items.

Acceptable items include, but are not limited to couches, entertainment centers and other furniture items, mattresses, box springs, 5 x 10 rolls of carpet, filing cabinets, water heaters, window-unit air conditioners, appliances, grills, basketball hoops, trampolines, and pool liners.

"If you have questions about the city's free large item pickup program, please contact us" said Morgan. "You can also check out our website at www.habitatsangamon.com for a complete list of all kinds of acceptable items. This program does not allow pickup of hazardous items – please check with us first if you're in doubt."

For more information about HFHSC or to join efforts to eliminate poverty housing in Sangamon County, visit <http://www.habitatsangamon.com> or call 217.523.2710.

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