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to Tri-City Churches Resale Shop, Braes Resale
& Consignment Shop, & The Sunshine Resale Shop

Sell, Toss, or Donate?

by Janine Godwin, CPO®

Fall is in the air, and soon we will begin the process of wardrobe switching – moving aside the summer clothing to make room for cooler weather items. It is also a time that the holiday decorations begin to surface and that long ignored storage area is like a time bomb waiting to detonate. This is a perfect transition time to really look at items you no longer need or wear. This process could create a pile larger than a jumbo jet, and then you are hit with the dilemma of what to do with those discards. Do you sell, toss or donate? If you are considering donating items to your favorite local charity, or think you may want to take a stab at consignment, take time to check out the tips below.

- When choosing which items to give away, donate items that charities can sell to make a profit. Think about what it is that you are donating and if it can truly benefit the charity. Most, if not all, have limited funds and disposing of items that are of no use to them and costs them money. Charities will appreciate and benefit from your thoughtfulness.
- With recent recalls on children's items (toys, baby equipment) be sure to see if the items you want to donate are not included on any government list. Some charities will not

accept these items.

- Clothing items, which are stained or torn, really should not be considered for donation or resale. Bear in mind as well, that if you paid an exorbitant amount for a piece of clothing, and it is used, you may not be able to sell it for what you think you will. You have to accept this aspect of resale. A \$200 blouse does not necessarily equate to a \$200 resale value.
- Think of where you would like to donate or consign items. Baby items can be given to pregnancy help centers. Cell phones can be donated to various charities like Cell Phones for Soldiers or a local battered women's shelter. Dress for Success is a terrific program for women's business clothing. Non-profits or schools may consider your unwanted and gently used holiday decorations. Consign at shops that specialize in your items for the best rate of success.
- Never assume your items are accepted for donation. Check the charity's website or give them a call if you are uncertain of a particular item. Likewise for resale – there should be a market for it. Just because you think it has

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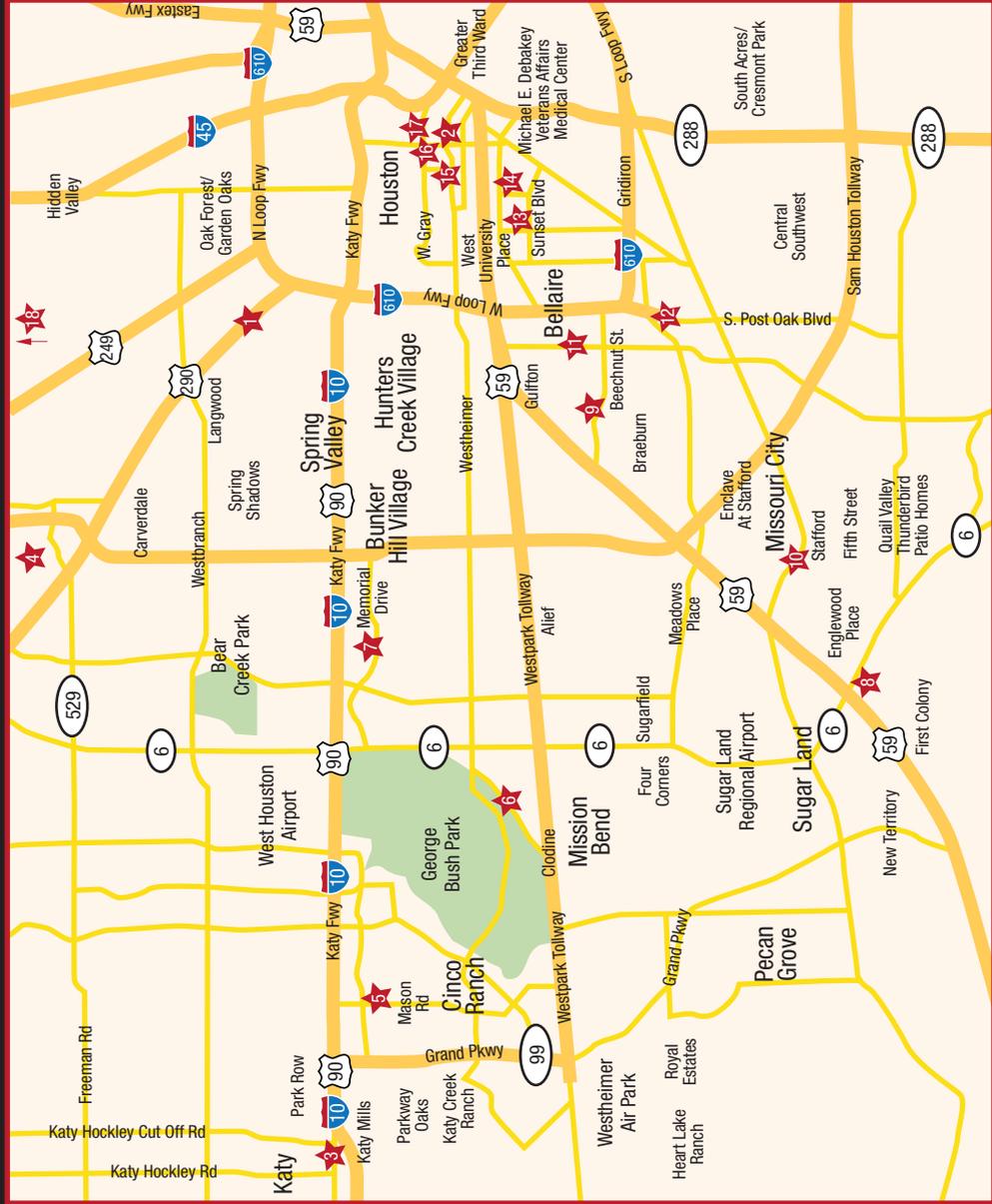


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Located in Stafford at 425 Stafford Run (near Highway 90 and FM 1092), Tri-City Churches Resale Shop has recently expanded and now has twice the shopping space - over 10,000 sq. ft. More room for more bargains! Tri-City Churches Resale Shop is a great place to find collectibles, designer goods, one-of-a-kind items, clothes, furniture, books and much, much more at garage sale prices. New merchandise arrives daily!

Special discounts are a regular part of the shopping experience at Tri-City Churches Resale Shop. Teachers and active military receive 15% off daily! Every Monday is Senior Citizen Discount Day -shoppers age 55 and up receive 25% off their entire purchase! The holiday season is the perfect time to check out Tri-City Churches Resale Shop. Lots of great Christmas gift ideas and holiday decorations galore! Come out and see what's on sale today!

Tri-City Churches Resale Shop relies upon donations from the community. Next time you clean out the clutter take your gently used items to Tri-City Churches Resale Shop where your donation will help support families in crisis. Donating is extremely easy - just drive to the side of the store and the staff will unload your vehicle. You don't even need to get out of the car! Pick up is available for large donations. Call 281.499.8833 or email ResaleShop@HumanNeeds.org to schedule a



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For every \$1.00 earned from BRC, BIM can purchase \$27.00 of food from the Houston Food Bank. BIM is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., serving 9 zip codes.

Braes Resale & Consignment Shop consigns such items as furniture, jewelry, household items, crystal, China, collectibles, etc. For more information or photos of the shop, go to their website with a link to the Shop to get more information on consignments.

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Braes Resale & Consignment Shop is located at 10319 South Post Oak Road (at the corner of W. Bellfort), Houston, Texas 77035. Or phone 713-728-0024, fax at 713-728-0026. Email; BraesResale@att.com and see their website at, Braesinterfaithministries.com, with a link to the Braes Resale Shop site.

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- Is the clean out process a daunting task? Set up a 'donation' or 'resale' basket in your closet and try and donate/consign once a month instead of seasonally or annually. This keeps the closets from overflowing and may inspire you to do it more often. It will be easier to keep track of the value of what you are donating or consigning as well. Breaking this task down into a monthly "to-do" will make it manageable and not as overwhelming.
- Make it easy on yourself - if there is a pick-up service available use it. This will keep you motivated to keep the process moving along.

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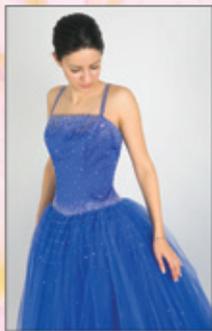
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