# Boulder County Thrift Stores and Reuse Businesses

A CIRCULAR ECONOMY GUIDE



Developed in Collaboration with the Boulder Chamber of Commerce, Boulder County, The City of Boulder and Eco-Cycle

# Welcome!

We've created this guide to increase community awareness of Boulder County's thrift and reuse businesses, and to encourage a more circular economy.

When you shop at these businesses, you support community members and our local economy, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and conserving natural resources.

The descriptions here were drawn from thrift store websites and do not reflect opinions or specific recommendations from Boulder County, the City of Boulder, the Boulder Chamber of Commerce or Eco-Cycle. Please contact individual stores for their hours of operation.

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Is your favorite thrift store missing? Information out of date? Please let us know so that we can include corrections in our next edition.

Are you a thrift store manager with questions or updates? Please contact us at 303-441-1931 or <a href="mailto:zerowaste@bouldercolorado.gov">zerowaste@bouldercolorado.gov</a>. Thank you.

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# **Donation Guidelines**

Please check with individual stores before donating materials. Thrift stores spend thousands of dollars each year on trash disposal for unusable, non-sellable donations.

- Never donate ripped, stained, dirty or smelly clothing.
- Never donate broken electronics or appliances.
- Many thrift stores do not want electronics over five years old.

Most thrift stores do not accept auto parts, landscaping materials, light fixtures, or kitchen sinks. However, Resource Central (included in this guide) does accept a range of remodeling and landscaping materials.

Household hazardous materials, such as paints, solvents, cleaners, and flammable materials, should be brought to the <u>Boulder Country</u> <u>Hazardous Materials Management Facility</u>. Call 720-564-2251 for more information.

# **Businesses Listed**

#### **General Merchandise**

#### Boulder

Pearl & Pig (Formerly ARES) • Goodwill • Greenwood Thrift and Consignment The Salvation Army • TRU (Hospice)

#### Lafayette

Goodwill • Sister Carmen Lafayette Collectibles and Flea Market

#### Longmont

ARC • Fabulous Finds Upscale Consignment • Front Range Mercantile Goodwill • Hope's Storehouse • Longmont Community Thrift Mountain States Children's Home • Tables to Teacups

Nederland Greg's Empire of Dirt

#### **Clothing & Apparel**

**Boulder** Common Threads • Plato's Closet • Rags Consignment **Longmont** Aloha Trading Company **Lafayette** Treasures Upscale Consignment **Louisville** Found Underground Consignment

#### **Furniture & Home**

**Boulder** Greenwood Thrift Shop and Consignment Gallery **Longmont** Simply Home Consignments **Niwot** Wise Buys Antiques and Refinishing

#### **Children's Items**

**Boulder** Childish Things Consignment Boutique **Longmont** Just Between Friends of Longmont • Once Upon a Child

#### Books

**Boulder** Beat Book Shop • The Bookworm • Trident Booksellers Lafayette The Read Queen Longmont Barbed Wire Books • Used Book Emporium Louisville Little Horse Nederland The Blue Owl Niwot Inkberry Books Arts & Crafts Boulder Art Parts Creative Reuse Center Longmont The Hidden Treasure 2

#### Fitness

**Boulder** Boulder Sports Recycler Inc. • Community Cycles • Play It Again Sports **Louisville** The Pro's Closet **Longmont** Play It Again Sports

#### Construction, Remodeling and Landscaping

**Boulder** Resource Central

# **GENERAL REUSE & THRIFT STORES**

# Boulder



# Pig + Pearl (formerly ARES)

303-444-8088 5320 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder, CO 80302 (new location) aresboulder@gmail.com boulderthriftstore.com

The information below is for ARES Thrift Store. Please check with staff at ARES' new iteration, Pig + Pearl, for updates.

Clean, well-organized, and sustainability-focused, ARES adds hundreds of items to its sales floor every day. Customers can regularly find items marked 25% to 50% off. Toys are 25¢ on Saturdays. Customers can shop outside for \$1 items on the first Friday and Saturday of each month.

Individuals in need are eligible to shop for free using ARES' community voucher program. ARES provides work and volunteer opportunities to members of our unhoused community as well as those with mental illnesses.

**Nonprofits supported:** MentalHealth Partners, The Boulder Homeless Shelter, The Bridge House, SPAN and more.



**Goodwill** 1741 28th St, Boulder, CO 80301 (new location) 303-494-5145 goodwilldenver.org

Goodwill sells affordable, high-quality clothing, plus furniture, housewares, electronics, books, movies, sporting goods, collectables, tools and more. Items are restocked daily.

**Nonprofits supported:** At Goodwill, 90¢ of each dollar spent goes to community programs serving individuals with disabilities and economic challenges, as well as programs serving youth, seniors and veterans.

#### General Thrift Stores (continued)



## **Greenwood Thrift Shop and Consignment Gallery**

3600 Arapahoe Avenue, Boulder 80303 303-245-0800 info@greenwoodconsignment.org www.greewoodconsignment.org

Greenwood offers a wide selection of clothing, decor, and household items in their thrift shop, along with high-end furniture, décor and jewelry in their consignment gallery. They host weekly thrift sales and occasional consignment deals.

**Non-Profits supported:** Proceeds support the Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in northern Colorado, which rehabilitates small wildlife.



## The Salvation Army Family Store & Donation Center

1701 33rd Street, Boulder, CO 80301 303-939-8502 <u>denverarc.salvationarmy.org</u>

A large selection of gently used clothing, kitchenware, and other household items, as well as electronics, books, artwork, tools, sports equipment, and more. Items are restocked daily.

**Nonprofit supported:** Proceeds support The Salvation Army, a missionary and emergency relief organization.



**TRU Hospice Thrift Shop** 5565 Arapahoe Avenue, Boulder, CO 80303 303-604-5353 thriftshop@trucare.org trucare.org/truthriftshop

A large store with a variety of high quality, carefully selected items, including clothing, jewelry, housewares, furniture, electronics, media, crafts, art, and collectibles.

TRU volunteers keep the store well organized and shopper friendly. TRU stocks fresh items daily and offers student, senior and military discounts. Two 50% off sales each month. Check the sales calendar on their website for days and dates.

TRU offers a range of volunteer opportunities for individuals, families, and corporate groups.

Nonprofit supported: TRU Community Hospice Care

#### General Thrift Stores (continued)

# Lafayette



## **Goodwill Lafayette**

555 W. South Boulder Rd., Lafayette, CO 80026 720-287-5855 goodwillcolorado.org

Affordable, high-quality clothing—plus furniture, housewares, electronics, books, movies, sporting goods, collectables, and tools. Items are restocked daily. Military, Senior and Teacher discounts available.



## Lafayette Collectibles Flea Market

130 East Spaulding Street, Lafayette, CO 80026 (303) 665-0433 fleamarketlafayette.com

For over thirty years, this local collectibles store features 175 vendors and one of Lafayette's largest collections of secondhand goods, furniture, clothing, and vintage collectibles. Store inventory changes regularly. A trip down memory lane!



## Sister Carmen Community Thrift Store

701 W. Baseline Road, Lafayette, CO 80026 303-665-4342 info@sistercarmen.org

A community-oriented, longtime thrift store, Sister Carmen's sells affordable, quality clothing, shoes, household goods, furniture, and

more. Proceeds from sales directly support SCCC's programs to help families in crisis.

# Longmont

## **ARC Thrift Store**



2151 North Main Street, Longmont, CO 80501 720-453-1416 <u>arcthrift.com</u>

A clean, well-lit, store, full of amazing treasures for your home, kitchen, and closet. Items are labeled with color coded tags that correspond with weekly discounts. The store sends clothing, books, toys, and other items that do not sell in their stores to those in need.

#### Longmont General Thrift Stores (continued)



## **Fabulous Finds Upscale Consignment**

600 South Airport Road, Longmont, CO 80503 720-340-4152 fabfindsconsign.com

Fabulous Finds offers 5000 square feet of retail therapy at its finest! With upscale art, furniture, clothing and décor. Consignors can donate a portion of the proceeds from their consignments to a variety of causes, including Habitat for Humanity, A Woman's Work and The Pearl Group.



#### **Front Range Mercantile**

1201 South Sunset Street, Longmont, CO 80501 303-776-6605 <u>frontrangefleamarket026@gmail.com</u> <u>frontrangeindoorfleamarket.com</u> <u>facebook.com/frontrangemercantile</u>

The indoor flea market offers treasures and unique gifts from more than 90 vendors, including furniture, home decor, kitchen appliances, tools, toys, clothes and jewelry. Vendors reuse, repurpose, and recycle as much as possible, including at check out with reused bags, wrapping and boxes. Discounts are up to individual vendors, but many have sales.

#### Nonprofits Supported: Meals on Wheels and the TLC Learning Center



#### Goodwill

1750 Main Street, Longmont, CO 80501 goodwilldenver.org 720-684-4334

Affordable, high-quality clothing—plus furniture, housewares, electronics, books, movies, sporting goods, collectables and tools. Items are restocked daily.

**Nonprofits Supported** When you shop at Goodwill, 90¢ of each dollar spent goes to <u>community</u> <u>programs</u> serving individuals with disabilities, those facing economic challenges, youth, seniors and military veterans. Plus, every purchase keeps items out of our landfill.

#### Longmont General Thrift Stores (continued)



Hope's Storehouse 801 Main Street, Longmont, CO 80501 303-776-3307F facebook.com/Hopes-Storehouse

Eclectic, gently used clothes, furniture, housewares books and more. Fantastic finds and reasonable prices. They have a food pantry for those in need and are feeding and educating children globally.

**Nonprofits Supported:** <u>H.E.L.P. International</u>, a religious organization serving local, national and international needs



#### **Longmont Community Thrift Store**

2351 Main Street, Longmont, CO 80501 Facebook Page Clothing, household goods, furniture 303-651-0922

Something for everyone! Longmont Community Thrift is a locally owned store selling clothing, housewares, furniture, electronics, books, DVDs, CDs, vinyl and more. They accept donations daily. Be sure to check out the downstairs!



#### Mountain States Children's Home Thrift Store 818 Coffman Street, Longmont, CO 80501 303-834-9510 mschthriftstore.org

Gently used clothing, home furnishings, household goods, electronics and more.

**Nonprofits Supported:** <u>Mountain States Children's Home</u>. Purchases help children and families in crisis.

#### Longmont General Thrift Stores (continued)



Tables to Teacups455 Weaver Park Road, #600, Longmont, CO 80501303-485-7270tablestoteacups.comtablestoteacups@msn.com

Tables to Teacups, a locally owned and women owned flea market, has been operating for over 20 years. Forty local vendors and 1,000 consigners offer items for all income levels. Prices drop by 10% per month if an item is not sold after two months.

### Louisville

arc Thrift Store 1349 E South Boulder Road, Louisville, CO, 80027 <u>303-666-8060</u> *Colorado* owned and operated, *arc Thrift* Stores sells clothing and household items, with proceeds benefitting local causes. benefits Coloradans with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

# Nederland



**Greg's Empire of Dirt** 115 East 2nd Street, Nederland 908-461-6573 <u>facebook.com/gregsempireofdirt</u>

An eclectic smorgasbord of goods and services, including books, tools, vintage clothes, vinyl records, antiques and used building materials.

# **CLOTHING & APPAREL**

# Boulder



## **Common Threads Consignment Shop**

2707 Spruce Street, Boulder, CO 80302 303-449-5431 boulder@shopcommonthreads.com www.shopcommonthreads.com

Higher-end fashion boutique offering an eclectic, affordable, and sustainable mix of designer favorites. Common Threads hires its staff locally.

Nonprofits supported: Common Threads donates unsold clothing to nonprofit thrift shops.



**Plato's Closet** 2510 Arapahoe Avenue, Boulder 80302 303 444 -2274 <u>platosclosetboulder.com</u> <u>platoscloset@live.com</u>

Plato's Closet buys and sells gently used, trendy young adult clothing and accessories. Top brands and latest styles are up to 70% off retail prices and arrive daily.



Rags Consignment 3129 28th St, Boulder, CO 80304 303-440-5758 ragsconsignments.com info@ragsconsignments.com

Rags gives pre-loved clothing another chance to shine! Highend apparel, accessories, footwear and jewelry are on display in a brightly lit, well-organized and well-staffed store.

**Nonprofits supported:** HELP International, Boulder's YWCA, Conscious Alliance and Denver's Dress for Success.

#### **CLOTHING & APPAREL continued**

# Lafayette



### **Treasures Upscale Consignment**

2770 Arapahoe Road, #118, Lafayette, CO 80026 720-890-0909 <u>treasuresuc.com</u> <u>facebook.com/Treasuresupscaleconsign</u>

Look and feel good from the inside out. Treasures specializes in designer clothing and accessories, along with furniture, home decor, collectibles, and gifts.

## Louisville



#### **Found Underground Consignment** 901 Main Street, Louisville, CO 80027

303-666-6900 foundundergroundconsignments.com

Reduce, reuse and re-wear! Specializing in urban and chic clothing and accessories, Found Underground is a resale shop for fashion forward thinkers and conscientious consumers. Kinship and

community thrive here with an emphasis on the recycling of fabric and keeping clothes out of landfills.

# **FURNITURE & HOME**

#### **Boulder**



## **Greenwood Consignment Gallery**

3600 Arapahoe Avenue, Boulder, CO 80303 303-245-0800 info@greenwoodconsignment.org greenwoodconsignment.org

Greenwood offers high-end furniture and home décor in its consignment gallery.

**Nonprofits supported:** Proceeds support the Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in northern Colorado, which rehabilitates small wildlife.

## Longmont



### **Simply Home Consignments**

1225 Ken Pratt Blvd. #124 Longmont, CO 80501 720-340-8004 <u>simplyhomeconsignments.com</u>

Simply Home carries both pre-owned and new furnishings, decor, clothing, accessories, jewelry, and other unexpected discoveries.

Their inventory changes daily and includes local artisan work and gifts.

## Niwot



## Wise Buys Antiques and Refinishing

190 2nd Avenue Niwot, CO 80544 303-652-2888 <u>niwot.com/shopping/wise-buys</u>

Wise Buys Antiques is a treasure trove of eclectic awesome, featuring restored furniture, antique, vintage, and retro glassware,

posters, and paintings. Not to be missed: the largest selection of wood fireplace mantels in Colorado. The shop also offers quality furniture repair and restoration.

# **CHILDREN'S ITEMS**

# Boulder



### **Childish Things Consignment Boutique**

3183 Walnut Street, Boulder, CO 80301 303-442-2703 info@childishthingsconsign.com childishthingsconsign.com

Boulder's largest children's consignment store since 1983. High quality, secondhand items as well as new, eco-

friendly merchandise, such as wooden toys, reusable straws and lunch boxes. They hold regular sales and offer a frequent buyer card.

**Nonprofits supported:** They support the First Presbyterian Church, There With Care, and A Precious Child.

#### Longmont



### **Just Between Friends of Longmont**

9595 Nelson Road Longmont, CO 80501 303-506-1643 <u>laura@jbfsale.com</u> <u>longmont.jbfsale.com</u> <u>facebook.com/JBFLongmont</u>

This pop-up shop offers children's clothing, furniture, toys, equipment, books, maternity clothes, and more at affordable prices, including frequent sales.

#### Non-Profits supported: Joyful Journey



## **Once Upon a Child**

700 Ken Pratt Boulevard, Longmont, CO 80501 303-772-5437 <u>onceuponachild.com</u>

Consignment and resale shop featuring gently used children's clothing, shoes, toys and baby gear. The shop offers an ever-changing selection of top brands at deep discounts. Get paid for consigned goods and save while being eco-friendly!

# BOOKS

## **Boulder**



## **Beat Book Shop**

1200 Pearl Street, #10, Boulder, CO 80302 303-444-7111 facebook.com/beatbookshop

Opened in 1990, Beat Book Shop sells used, new, rare and antique books, records, CDs and other media, all related to music and literature.



# The Bookworm

3175 28th Street, Boulder, CO 80301 303-449-3765 boulderbookworm@gmail.com boulderbookworm.com

A family-owned business in Boulder for 36 years, the Bookworm offers an expansive collection of hardcover and paperback books,

including best sellers, classic literature, science fiction, fantasy, nature, Colorado history, children's books and more. They also sell movies, puzzles and music CDs.



## **Trident Booksellers**

940 Pearl Street, Boulder, CO 80302 303-443-3133 <u>trident@indra.com</u> <u>tridentcafe.com</u>

A Boulder downtown tradition, the Trident is an independent, employee-owned bookstore selling quality used and new books in a range of categories, including fiction, travel, poetry, recipe books, children's books and more. With Buddhist roots, the Trident

celebrates community, compassion and independent thinking.

# Lafayette



## The Read Queen Bookstore

129 N. Harrison Avenue, Lafayette, CO 80026 info@thereadqueen.com thereadqueen.com

A locally owned and operated neighborhood bookstore in Old Town Lafayette, offering new and used books, puzzles, games and artisan crafts and gifts. Gift cards are available.

#### Used Books (continued)

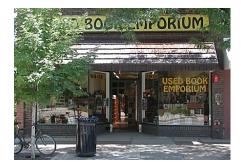
## Longmont



### **Barbed Wire Books**

504 Main Street, Longmont, CO 80501 303-827-3620 <u>barbedwirebooks@gmail.com</u>

Community-minded, Barbed Wire sells new and used books, including out-of-print and rare titles. Specialty areas include children's books, pop-up books and Western Americana. They also offer appraisal services and community space.



#### **Used Book Emporium**

346 Main Street, Longmont, CO 80501 303-776-6561 <u>usedbookemporium.net</u>

Family owned since 1996, the Used Book Emporium offers over 65,000 titles, including classic literature, science fiction, cooking, business, sports, regional topics, children's books, and audio books. Customer service includes used book holds

and discounts for special orders of new books. They also offer new books and gift certificates.

## Louisville



#### **Little Horse Books**

820 Main Street, Louisville, CO 80027 303.242.5382 littlehorsebooks@gmail.com littlehorsevintage.com

First opened in 2001, Little Horse offers a curated selection of rare and collectable books, vintage audio equipment, vinyl records, art, housewares, gifts, and mid-century modern furniture.

# Nederland



### **Blue Owl Books**

176 Hwy 119, Nederland, CO 80466 303-258-3695 <u>facebook.com/BlueOwlBooks</u>

Nestled in Nederland's downtown, Blue Owl Books is a jam-packed and inviting shop, featuring a large selection of new and used books and funky gifts. They accept used books for resale and have a café.

## Niwot



#### **Inkberry Books**

Cottonwood Shopping Center 7960 Niwot Road, Suite B-3 Niwot, CO 80503 720-412-1548

Inkberry offers 6,000 new, gently used and out-of-print hardbacks, as well as first edition fiction, biography, history, Colorado authors, children's books and more. The shop builds community with author readings, First Friday ArtWalk art exhibits, book discussion groups and concerts.

# **ART & CRAFTS**

# Boulder



### **Art Parts Creative Reuse Center**

3080 Valmont Road, Suite 120, Boulder, Colorado 80301 720-379-5328 info@artparts.org <u>artpartsboulder.org</u>

Bike gears, cigar boxes, embroidery hoops and doll heads: you can find it all at Art Parts. Promoting creativity and engaging community, this non-profit sells donated arts and crafts supplies at thrift store prices.

Categories of materials include fabric, yarn, thread, beads, paint, brushes, canvases, frames, markers and color pencils, papers, wood, metal, and glass pieces, faux fur, rubber stamps, kids' art supplies and more. <u>Check out this list of accepted materials</u> before you donate.

# Longmont



## The Hidden Treasure 2

2330 Main St Unit D. Longmont, CO 80501 720-340-9951 <u>thehiddentreasure2.com</u> <u>thehiddentreasure2@gmail.com</u> facebook.com/TheHiddenTreasure2

The Hidden Treasure 2 consignment store features arts and crafts supplies and handmade items from 400 local

artisans. They also host an artisan marketplace, arts & crafts classes, and an open studio.

Supplies include tools and materials for airbrushing, basketry, calligraphy, candle making, clay, crocheting, egg art, embroidery, framing, graffiti, jewelry, kids crafts, knitting, lace making, leather crafts, metal crafts, millinery, mosaics, origami, painting, photography, pottery, rubber stamping, scale models, scrapbooking, soap making, spinning, stitchery, toy making, and weaving.

# FITNESS, SPORTS, OUTDOOR GEAR

## **Boulder**



### **Boulder Sports Recycler: Outdoor Gear Consignment**

4949 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80304 303-786-9940 info@bouldersportsrecycler.com www.bouldersportsrecycler.com

A consignment shop offering a large selection of bikes, boats, skis, boards, camping and climbing gear, and more. They sell name-brand equipment at discount prices and take pleasure in equipping customers with the right gear for them.



# **Community Cycles**

2601 Spruce Street, Unit B (around back), Boulder, CO 80302 720-565-6019 info@communitycycles.org communitycycles.org

Community Cycles, a nonprofit cycling organization, sells quality, name-brand, used bikes at affordable prices. All bicycles receive a full tune-up before being sold. Community Cycles also offers new and used derailleurs, brake levers, frames, forks, wheels, baskets, and bike clothing.



Play It Again Sports 653 S. Broadway Boulder, CO 80305 303-499-2011 www.playitagainsports.com/locations/boulder-co piasboulder@gmail.com

Locally owned and operated, Play It Again Sports is committed to reusing and recycling equipment. They sell quality team sport equipment, skis, snowboards, skateboards, camping, climbing and watersports gear, bicycles and more. Play It Again Sports also offers a customer rewards program.

**Nonprofits supported:** EFAA, Boulder Shelter for the Homeless, Community Food Share, and youth sports organizations.

Sports Gear (continued)

# Longmont



# **Play It Again Sports**

1067 South Hover St. Unit G. Longmont, CO 80501 303-774-9912 www.playitagainsportslongmont.com

Locally owned, community-minded, and focused on customer service, Play It Again Sports in Longmont buys and sells used and new sports equipment and fitness gear. They offer a wide selection of affordable, brand name winter sports equipment, and well as hockey, baseball, lacrosse, golf, soccer, cycling, cross-country and fitness gear.

## Louisville



**The Pro's Closet** 1900 Taylor Ave. Louisville, CO 80027 866-401-9636 theproscloset.com

The Pro's Closet is a primarily web-based business, without a storefront. Pro Closet's "ride guides" are available to help customers find used road, mountain, gravel and e-bikes through the shop's online inventory. The business also offers bike frames, brakes, wheel sets and riding apparel.

# **CONSTRUCTION, REMODELING & LANDSCAPING**

## **Boulder**



#### **Resource Central** 6400 Arapahoe Road, Boulder, CO 80303 303-419-5418 <u>Reuse@ResourceCentral.org</u> <u>resourcecentral.org</u>

Resource Central is a nonprofit community hub that operates a materials reuse facility and tool share program that empowers customers to creatively use reclaimed landscaping and remodeling materials.

Resource's reuse facility offers reclaimed lumber, cabinets, doors, windows, tiles, fencing, kitchen and bath fixtures, appliances, and thousands of other items. They also sponsor an annual used tool sale, featuring power tools, hand tools, and more.

Income from sales supports Resource Central's community outreach and education, including youth engagement and water saving programs.

