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## **TREASURE HUNT WEBSITE OFFERS FREE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**

Fancy a power lawn mower (used for only one season) or a used gas stove, washer and dryer? How about a striped gold and burgundy sleeper sofa and love seat with camel-back design? All for free, just arrange your own pick up.

These and many other used items are available 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 or office items like furniture, appliances or office equipment at no charge. Items are listed for one week, but no fee can be charged and recipients are responsible for pickup.

You can also donate your unwanted items on the site. How about donating your used car to the Peekskill mother of three who needs a car for college? Or your old computer – any make, model or year – to a group which rebuilds them for low income users. You can choose from many well-deserving people in need.

Many residents have taken advantage of this program when their homes have been damaged by fire or floods. Families in need of baby furniture, clothing, used toys and kitchen utensils have found them through the website. Hospital beds and wheelchairs, as well as clothing and bedroom furniture for college-bound students, have all been picked up within days of their being posted on the website.

The website is managed by the county's Recycling Office. The Recycling Office wants residents to know that, besides putting bottles, cans and paper out in recycling bins, the exchange of used household items between residents through the Treasure Hunt website 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 813-5415 or go to the website. You can choose to be contacted by phone, e-mail or both.