## **SPIRALS**



### A Consignment and Benefit Store of the Alliance on Aging

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#### WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CONSIGNMENT AND A DONATION?

If you bring in an item you would like to have *consigned*, proceeds from its sale are split on a 40/60 basis between you and Spirals (Alliance on Aging.) If you wish to *donate* an item, 100% of the sale proceeds go to Spirals. Due to space limitations we must adhere to strict screening guidelines and have created for your convenience a list of items we are unable to accept.

Revenue from Spirals helps support the Alliance on Aging (AoA), a private, non-profit organization established in 1970, whose mission is to sustain an ever-evolving community network of viable programs that foster optimum independence, dignity and healthy living for all older adults in Monterey County.

#### **GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTING CONSIGNMENTS AND / OR DONATIONS**

Spirals appreciates the consignment and/or donation of your gently used clothes (men and women), accessories, jewelry, household goods, furniture and pieces of art. Consignments are taken by appointment only. *Donated items may be dropped off at any time during normal business hours*.

#### CLOTHING CANNOT BE ACCEPTED IF IT IS:

- out of season, or not current (purchased new within past 3 years)
- an everyday cotton sweatshirt, t-shirt or tank top
- wrinkled, stained, soiled, pilled or frayed
- stretched, worn, faded, or washed out
- defective, missing buttons or has broken zippers
- not odor or fragrance-free
- underwear, lingerie, hosiery, slippers or socks

#### SEASONAL WEAR:

Spring and Summer clothing is accepted February through July. Fall and Winter clothing is accepted August through December. Specialty and designer pieces are welcomed year-round.

#### HOUSEHOLD GOODS, FURNITURE AND ARTWORK ARE ACCEPTED ONLY IF CLEAN AND DUST FREE. WE CANNOT ACCEPT CHIPPED, BROKEN OR INCOMPLETE SETS OF DISHES AND GLASSWARE.

# FOLLOWING IS A PARTIAL LIST OF NON-CLOTHING ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT:

- Wall art that is not framed or without a way to hang or display
- Frames without glass
- Books older than 10 years unless collectibles (excludes some cookbooks and coffee table books)
- Paperback books
- Text books
- Bedding
- Drapes and/or curtains
- Used kitchen towels
- Plastic kitchen items unless new
- Single cups, mugs, or glasses. We accept only sets of matched glassware and dishes or unique, collectible singles
- Cosmetics (new gift boxes of lotions, soaps may be accepted)
- Free cosmetic bags (Lancôme, Clinique, etc.)
- Cassette tapes, CDs or DVDs
- Child/infant car seats
- Strollers
- Children's clothing
- Children's toys (due to potential lead hazards)
- Cribs or Pack and Plays
- Medical equipment: walkers, scooters, shower chairs, hospital beds, canes
- Televisions
- Telephones
- Computers and printers
- Typewriters
- Electrical items (except new items in original packaging and lamps)
- Non-working lamps
- Stereo receivers and speakers
- Used vacuum cleaners
- Sporting goods including: exercise equipment and weights, roller blades, skates, tennis rackets, ski or snowboard boots, golf clubs
- Non-working wrist watches
- Used film and digital cameras
- Shoes and purses showing wear

Because Spirals is committed to stocking and selling the highest quality of goods for the fairest price, it is necessary for staff and volunteers to monitor all in-coming merchandise whether they are meant to be consigned or donated although *donated items may be left at the store without intake screening.* Acceptance of furniture must be preapproved due to space availability. If we cannot accept some of your items, we are happy to donate them to local benefit stores.

#### Thank you for your continued support of the Alliance on Aging.

If you have any questions about consigning or donating items, please contact us at Spirals: 831.383.5030 or <u>spirals@allianceonaging.org</u>