

Why does Humanscale help with product disposal?

We make all our products to be used for a long, long time, but we know they can't be used forever. When the time comes, we will help make sure they can be disposed of in the most responsible way possible. Rather than sending them to landfills, we would like to make it easy for our customers to repurpose their products. We offer options close to our customers' sites because we see the opportunity to help sustain local economies, to reduce the carbon footprint of shipping product and to allow our clients to build local relationships with service providers who they can work with over and over again.

What are the options for product disposal?

Depending on your situation, the appropriate solution might vary. Factors like the facilities nearby, how worn the product is, and the amount of product can all affect which solution you choose. We have developed partnerships to facilitate the following options:

DONATION—Sometimes as your needs change, and there are changes to your workplace, there may be product in good condition that is no longer useful in your space. You could consider donating the unneeded product to a local charity. There is minimal impact to the environment when the product can be used directly, with no energy or material needed to fix it up. When the charity is near your site, the carbon footprint can be reduced as well. This option benefits the local community, and may be eligible for tax deduction.

REFURBISH—When the product is slightly worn, it can often be fixed up and resold and continue to be used. The amount of energy and material needed is limited to the specific parts that are replaced. Our products are designed with upgrades in mind, so they are easy to do and replacement parts are readily available. Working with local refurbishers also reduces the carbon footprint for transportation.

RECYCLE—Even after using a product for as long as possible, the product needs to be disposed of eventually. In this case, it can be recycled so the raw materials can be turned into other usable goods. Our products are designed for disassembly so the different materials can be separated and recycled. Choosing this option supports the recycling industry, reducing the need for raw material extraction, and reduces the amount of landfill produced. The material in disassembled product can have a monetary value, and reduced volume for disposal can lower landfilling fees, which could make this a cost-effective option.

How does Humanscale help?

We've established relationships with service providers so it will be possible to donate, refurbish or recycle throughout the United States and Canada. For more detailed information, please contact betterworld@humanscale.com.

Responsible disposal could be easier than you think.

To make it easy for our customer, Humanscale partners with ANEW, an organization dedicated to responsible product disposal. With years of experience in the architecture & design industry, they are accustomed to quoting projects quickly, and aiming to be competitive with other disposal companies. The sustainable approach can often be the most cost effective as well, as shown in the real-world scenarios below.

Scenario: **270 Cinto chairs**, 29 cannot be reused, located in Chattanooga, TN

<p>option - Blended approach</p> <p>Items are sold, donated and recycled. Service includes dismantle and removal; disassembly for recycling; resale of items; and matching items to local charity needs for donation. Tax receipt for donation provided.</p> <p>cost: \$1618 returned to client</p>	<p>option - Repurpose / recycle</p> <p>Items are donated or recycled, as per their condition. Service includes dismantle and removal, disassembly for recycling, matching items to local charity needs for donation. Tax receipt for donation provided.</p> <p>cost: \$585</p>	<p>option - Landfill disposal</p> <p>Items are disposed of in a local landfill. Service includes dismantle, removal of items and deposit at disposal location, as well as cost of local landfilling fees.</p> <p>cost: \$585</p>
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Scenario: **70 - M8 monitor arms**, no serious damage, located in Omaha, NE

<p>option - Blended approach</p> <p>Items are sold, donated and recycled. Service includes dismantle and removal; disassembly for recycling; resale of items; and matching items to local charity needs for donation. Tax receipt for donation provided.</p> <p>cost: \$500</p>	<p>option - Repurpose / recycle</p> <p>Items are donated or recycled, as per their condition. Service includes dismantle and removal, disassembly for recycling, matching items to local charity needs for donation. Tax receipt for donation provided.</p> <p>cost: \$700</p>	<p>option - Landfill disposal</p> <p>Items are disposed of in a local landfill. Service includes dismantle, removal of items and deposit at disposal location, as well as cost of local landfilling fees.</p> <p>cost: \$150</p>
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Scenario: **9 - 6G Keyboard mechanisms**, located in Santa Fe Springs, CA

<p>option - Blended approach</p> <p>Items are sold, donated and recycled. Service includes dismantle and removal; disassembly for recycling; resale of items; and matching items to local charity needs for donation. Tax receipt for donation provided.</p> <p>cost: no resale option</p>	<p>option - Repurpose / recycle</p> <p>Items are donated or recycled, as per their condition. Service includes dismantle and removal, disassembly for recycling, matching items to local charity needs for donation. Tax receipt for donation provided.</p> <p>cost: \$635</p>	<p>option - Landfill disposal</p> <p>Items are disposed of in a local landfill. Service includes dismantle, removal of items and deposit at disposal location, as well as cost of local landfilling fees.</p> <p>cost: \$150</p>
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