



## Federal Surplus Personal Property Donation Program

The federal government purchases literally millions of products—supplies, equipment, and vehicles—every year to assist government agencies in doing their jobs. Given the sheer bulk of the purchasing, a large surplus is inevitable. This surplus is managed by GSA through the Federal Surplus Personal Property Donation Program.

When certain items are no longer required by the federal government, the items are declared surplus by GSA and made available for transfer to State Agencies for Surplus Property (SASPs). In accordance with the law, SASPs have been established by each state to distribute Federal Surplus Property to eligible state and local governments and nonprofit recipients called donees. Competing SASP requests for surplus are allocated by GSA based upon a set of predetermined criteria. The SASPs receive applications and determine the eligibility status of the donees based on eligibility requirements established by congressional statutes and implementing regulations developed by GSA. SASPs also provide procedures for donees to follow in acquiring federal surplus, and enforce the conditions and use restrictions placed on the property. Most SASPs operate on a self-sustaining basis and may require recipients to pay a service charge to cover handling, transportation and administrative expenses.

State and local governments may also receive donations of surplus property certified by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as desirable or necessary for public airport use. FAA establishes the eligibility requirements for public airports and makes eligibility determinations. Requests for surplus property for public airport use, like requests from SASPs for use by donees, must be approved by GSA. Surplus personal property includes all types and categories of property, with the exception of land or other real property, certain naval vessels, and records of the federal government. Examples of available property include:

- Hand and machine tools
- Office machines and supplies
- Furniture
- Appliances
- Medical supplies
- Hardware
- Clothing
- Motor vehicles
- Boats
- Airplanes
- Construction equipment
- Textiles
- Communications equipment
- Electronic equipment

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