

# Personal Property FAQs

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**Arlington Neighborhood Village**  
*Neighbors Helping Neighbors Age in Place*

**Q: How do I give personal property to the Village?**

A: Transferring ownership is similar to giving away an item to anyone. Depending on the nature of your gift and its value, you may need to obtain a professional appraisal to substantiate any tax benefits associated with your gift.

**Q: Who pays appraisal and other fees?**

A: All transaction fees are the responsibility of the donor.

**Q: Can I sell personal property and then donate the cash?**

A: Yes, but that negates any tax benefits associated with your gift.

**Q: Can I donate personal property that has decreased in value?**

A: Yes, but it may be better to sell the property, claim the loss for tax purposes, and then donate the cash proceeds.

**Q: Do I need to notify the Village about my gift?**

A: Yes, it's essential. The Village must decide whether it is in the organization's best interests to own the property and it reserves the right to refuse any ownership gift of personal property.

**Q: Can I change my mind later?**

A: No, once ownership is transferred, the gift is irrevocable.