



Recycling Old Trophies

Your grown child has moved out of the house, and you're reclaiming his/her room as your own. What do you do with that collection of old, dusty trophies? Here are some ideas of how to give those old trophies a new life...

Trophy Recycling

Unfortunately, the awards and recognition industry does not produce recyclable trophy components. Most of the trophies we create cannot be recycled and must be either reused or disposed. Hopefully our industry will soon change its ways and reduce waste by offering recyclable products or products made from recycled materials. Until then, we have some suggestions for more utility from your old awards.

Donation, Donation, Donation

If you are on the Eastside of Seattle, there are a few local thrift stores that accept donations of old trophies. They clean and sell them to their customers. It's surprising what creative people can make out of old awards! Below is a list of Eastside thrift shops that accept gently used awards in good condition:

Goodwill

Bellevue: 425-649-2080

St. Vincent de Paul

Renton: 425-226-9426 – please remove name plate from trophy before donating

Value Village

Kirkland: 425-821-7186

Redmond: 425-883-2049

Renton: 425-255-5637

Unfortunately, many other smaller thrift stores do not accept trophies. If you have a question, please call your local second-hand store before making your donation.

Reuse Your Old Trophies

If you decide to reuse trophies for another season, the old engraved metal can be removed and recycled. New metal plates can be ordered and easily attached to existing trophies.

Make Your Own Trophies

If your team is concerned about purchasing products that cannot be recycled, consider making your own awards out of wood or another biodegradable material. At Issaquah Trophy, engraved plates are available for you to attach to your awards. All of our engraved metal is recyclable.

We appreciate and share your commitment to our environment. At Issaquah Trophy, we strive to create meaningful recognition in an earth-friendly way!

Just as we cannot blame others for destroying the environment, so we cannot look to others to protect the environment. Responsibility for both begins at home. - Paul Griss, The Daily Planet

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