

## **North Shore Elder Services Assistive Technology/ Medical Equipment Resource List**

### **Medical Equipment Recycling**

#### **REquipment (MRC/MassMATCH)**

[www.dmerequipment.org](http://www.dmerequipment.org)

877-508-3974 (Toll Free)

617-204-3851 (Voice)

617-204-3815 (TTY)

[info@dmerequipment.org](mailto:info@dmerequipment.org)

REquipment is a durable medical equipment (DME) re-use program offering free refurbished wheelchairs, scooters, shower chairs and more to adults, children and elders living in Massachusetts. Pick up locations in Worcester, Canton, Amherst, and Pittsfield. Delivery available in the Greater Boston and Central MA.

#### **Get AT Stuff: AT Exchange of New England & New York (MRC/MassMATCH)**

[www.getatstuff.org](http://www.getatstuff.org)

The Assistive Technology Exchange in New England & New York

Email: [ATinMA@getatstuff.com](mailto:ATinMA@getatstuff.com)

Phone: Toll free 1-877-508-3974 (in state), 617-204-3851 (Voice), 617-204-3815 (TTY), 617-204-3877

Free web-based assistive technology exchange service for people to post used adaptive equipment for sale or donation. The individual must arrange the pickup of the device with the seller/donor.

#### **H.E.L.P. – Freemason’s Hospital Equipment Loan Program**

<https://smd-help.org/>

Re-use: Durable medical equipment is available to borrow free of charge for home use only. You do not have to be a Freemason to borrow equipment. Includes items such as canes, commodes, tub seats, walkers, wheelchairs, transfer benches, hospital beds, a Hoyer life, wheelchair, and ramps. Pick up only.

781-322-1052

HELP offers free equipment on Saturdays from their Woburn location in Cummings Park, 500 West Cumming Park (Rear), Suite 1150. Pick up hours: 9am-12:00 noon.

### **Other Reuse Options**

#### **Councils on Aging**

Many local councils on aging and senior centers keep a small loan closet with DME items. Find your local COA here [www.mcoaonline.com/index.php](http://www.mcoaonline.com/index.php)

#### **Craigslist**

Community of buyers and sellers of all kinds of items, some of which are free. See Beauty & Health section at <https://boston.craigslist.org/nos/>

#### **Local Freecycle Groups**

Freecycle members donate all kinds of items for free. Search by zip code to find your local Freecycle group at [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org)

## Disability Support Organizations

### ALS Association of MA

<http://webma.alsa.org>

The Massachusetts Chapter offers free loaner durable medical equipment including wheelchairs to their community. You may register with the Chapter by contacting the Chapter office at 781-255-8884.

### Muscular Dystrophy Association of MA

<https://www.mda.org/office/massachusetts>

Phone: 508-898-3375

[worcester@mdausa.org](mailto:worcester@mdausa.org)

MDA's national equipment program helps provide good-condition, gently used wheelchairs and other medical equipment, such as shower chairs, hospital beds, walkers, canes, communication devices and similar items, when available.

State Financing

### Easter Seals

<http://www.easterseals.com/ma/>

Phone: 800-244-2756

[info@eastersealsma.org](mailto:info@eastersealsma.org)

The Massachusetts Assistive Technology Loan (MA AT Loan) Program offers Massachusetts residents with disabilities and their families low-interest cash loans they can use to purchase assistive technology, devices and services that will increase their independence. The program also loans low-cost assistive devices through its Long-Term Device Loan Program.

Information and an application form are available online at <http://www.massatloan.org/>.

Easter Seals Massachusetts, with generous grant support from Comcast NBC Universal, is now offering a free, new AT On-Demand program that provides curated kits of essential assistive technology (AT) to people in Massachusetts who have acute, urgent needs for assistive devices to help them regain independence while hospitalized or recovering. Find more info, including a referral form to download, here

<http://www.easterseals.com/ma/our-programs/assistive-technology/at-on-demand.html>.

### Massachusetts Equipment Distribution Program (MassEDP)

<http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/massedp/>

Provides residents with a permanent disability access to specialized telephones for free or at a reduced cost, depending on income. Equipment is available to individuals who have cognitive, hearing, motion, speech, or vision impairments. Call 800-300-5658 V/TTY or email [grant.harrison@state.ma.us](mailto:grant.harrison@state.ma.us) for application form.

### Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/mcdhh/>

Assistive technology and hearing ear dogs for people with deafness or hearing loss. For more information call 617-740-1600.

### Home Modification Loan Program

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/consumer/disability-services/housing-disability/home-mod-loan/>

Provides loans to make modifications to the primary, permanent residence of elders, adults with disabilities, and families with children with disabilities. Modifications such as ramps, lifts, bathroom and kitchen modifications.

The agency that administers the program for MRC in the Northeast/North Shore:

Community Teamwork, Inc. (CTI)

Alan Trebat [atrebat@commteam.org](mailto:atrebat@commteam.org)

978-654-5741

Fax: 978-970-1483 Mass Relay Available, dial 711

Website: <http://www.commteam.org/>

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