**Tuesday’s Tip**

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**Medical Equipment Loan Closets**  
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If someone needs a medical device (cane, wheelchair, shower chair, etc.) for a short period of time, or sometimes even a long-term, they may be able to borrow the equipment from a medical loan closet.

And if you have medical devices you no longer need, you may be able to donate the equipment to a loan closet for other people to use.

Here are some loan closets in the MHLS region:

- **Medical Lending Closet**, Jewish Federation of Dutchess County  
  [https://jewishdutchess.org/home/the-medical-lending-closet](https://jewishdutchess.org/home/the-medical-lending-closet)

- **MedEquip Loan Closet**, Reformed Dutch Church of Poughkeepsie, New York  
  [http://churches.rca.org/poughkeepsierc/medequip.html](http://churches.rca.org/poughkeepsierc/medequip.html)

- **Pawling Resource Center**, Pawling, NY  
  [http://www.pawlingresourcecenter.org/services/](http://www.pawlingresourcecenter.org/services/)

- **Equipment Loan Closet**, Resource Center for Accessible Living (RCAL), Kingston  

To find other loan closets in New York, try searching the NY Connects Resource Directory at [https://www.nyconnects.ny.gov/home](https://www.nyconnects.ny.gov/home)


According to their web site:
The goal of the Assistive Technology Exchange in New England & New York is to put AT equipment that is not currently being used into the hands of someone who can benefit from it. The exchange is a free “classified ad” type resource designed to help people find, buy, sell or give away used AT equipment.

Here are the current categories of devices listed on the exchange:
• **Vision**  (Desktop & Portable Video Magnifiers, etc)
• **Hearing**  (Assisted Listening/Alerting Devices, Amplified Phones, etc.)
• **Speech Communication**  (Communication Devices, etc)
• **Learning, Cognitive, Developmental**  (Literacy Software, Photo Phones, Portable Word Processors, etc.)
• **Mobility, Seating & Positioning**  (Power & Manual Wheelchairs, Scooters, Walkers, Ramps, Canes, etc)
• **Daily Living**  (Bathing/Toileting Aids, Lift Chairs, Patient Lifts, Adjustable Hospital Beds, Standing Frames/Aids, etc)
• **Environmental Adaptations**  (Electronic Aids for Daily Living, Environmental Control Units, Telephone Systems, Stair Lifts, Home...
• **Transportation and Vehicle Modifications**  (Accessible Vans, Wheelchair/Scooter Lifts/Carriers, etc.)
• **Computers and Computer-related**  (Accessible Workstations, Adjustable/Ergonomic Chairs, Computer Access Equipment, etc)
• **Recreation, Sports, and Leisure**  (Handcycles, Adaptive Exercise Equipment, 3 Wheel Bikes, Pool Lifts, etc.)
• **Other**  (Accessible Homes, Therapy/Rehab Devices, etc)

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