



## Medical Equipment

Durable medical equipment (sometimes referred to as “DME”) is any medical equipment that is used in the home by a patient. Examples of DME are walkers, wheelchairs, hospital beds, oxygen, shower chairs or any other equipment your team believes may aid your comfort at home.

### Who provides the equipment I need?

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Members of your Agrace team will talk with you and your caregivers about equipment they think may be beneficial for you to have in your home. After your needs have been determined, your team will arrange to have the equipment delivered by a vendor that contracts with Agrace.

### Who pays for the equipment?

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Equipment related to your hospice diagnosis is included in your hospice benefit. Some insurance companies may require a small co-pay. Your team will notify you of the co-pay, if any, on the equipment recommended for you.

### Who will pick up the equipment when I no longer need it?

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When it is determined that you no longer need specific equipment, members of your Agrace team will arrange to have the equipment picked up by the vendor.

### Safe use of home oxygen:

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Oxygen is considered a medication. Your Agrace nurse will determine with you when oxygen may be beneficial. It is important to know how to use oxygen safely.

- **Open flame:** Never permit open flames (candles), lit smoking materials or spark-producing equipment in the same room as your oxygen system. **Never smoke while using your system or any source of high-concentration oxygen.**
- **Flammable materials:** Keep all flammable materials away from your oxygen system. Never use hand lotions, hair sprays, or other flammable aerosols or products unless you are at least 10 feet away from your system.
- **Oxygen tubing:** Be careful not to kink the oxygen tubing or allow objects to fall on it that could restrict the oxygen flow. Do not permit moisture build-up from the humidifier to collect in a curved part of the tubing and therefore limit the flow of oxygen.
- **Direct heat:** Never allow the oxygen tubing to make direct contact with stove elements, heaters or other sources of excessive heat. Position your system in a location that is not only convenient, but also safe. Never locate oxygen equipment near radiators, hot air registers or space heaters.

## Equipment and Supply Donation

Due to the laws and regulations that govern Agrace HospiceCare, we are unable to accept any donations of used medical equipment. Agrace may accept donations of the following:

- Unopened containers of adult diapers (e.g., *Depends*®)
- Unused, current containers of nutritional supplements (e.g., *Ensure*®, *Osmolite*®, etc.)

If you have other equipment or supplies that you are no longer using, we encourage you to contact one of the agencies listed below. The agency will give you instructions on pick-up/delivery of the items and what is accepted. Agrace staff cannot transport equipment or supplies. These agencies will assure that your equipment and/or supplies are used by people who would not otherwise have access to them.

- **Agrace HospiceCare thrift stores—East and West Madison and Janesville.** Accepts donations of clothing & accessories, books, furniture and home goods. [www.agracethriftstore.org](http://www.agracethriftstore.org).
- **Central Lutheran Church—Edgerton.** Accepts donations of medical equipment and supplies. (608) 884-9418.
- **First Lutheran Church—Janesville.** Accepts donations of medical equipment and supplies. (608) 752-7434.
- **First Mobility Stores.** Accepts donations of durable medical equipment (walkers, wheelchairs, commodes, etc.) by appointment. Location: 2554 Advance Road, Madison. (608) 243-1785 or [www.wrp.org](http://www.wrp.org).
- **Middleton Outreach Ministry—Middleton.** Accepts clothing, housewares, pans, dishes, bedding, sheets, towel, and unopened canned goods. Donations can be delivered to 3502 Parmenter St., Middleton. (608) 836-7338 or [www.momhelps.org](http://www.momhelps.org).
- **Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church—Milton.** Accepts donations of medical equipment and supplies. (608) 868-2741.
- **Oregon Senior Center—Oregon.** Accepts donations of unopened Depends and Chux pads. (608) 835-5801 or [www.oregonareaseniorcenterwisconsin.com](http://www.oregonareaseniorcenterwisconsin.com).
- **St. John Lutheran Church—Evansville.** Accepts donations of medical equipment and supplies. (608) 882-4044 or [www.stjohns-lc.org](http://www.stjohns-lc.org).
- **St. Vincent de Paul—Madison.** Accepts donations of clothing, books, furniture and household items. Donation pickup service available in Madison and surrounding areas. Call (608) 278-2920 to arrange pickup.
- **St. Vincent de Paul—Prairie du Sac.** 815 19th Street, Prairie du Sac. (608) 643-8905.
- **Stoughton Senior Center—Stoughton.** Accepts donations of Depends and Chuxs. (608) 873-8585 or [www.ci.stoughton.wi.us/senior](http://www.ci.stoughton.wi.us/senior).
- **West Madison Senior Coalition—Madison.** Accepts walkers, wheelchairs and shower chairs/benches in good working condition. Location: 517 N. Segoe Rd., #309, Madison. (608) 238-7368; M-F 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

