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Consignment stores are a fabulous tool for staying stylish in tough times. Perk up your closet with a few pieces at a fraction of their original prices, or create your own economic bailout package by selling your trendy, well-kept [clothes and accessories](#).

Whether you're buying or selling, here are 10 great consignment stores in the Valley.



[My Sister's Closet, Lincoln Village location](#)

6204 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale

480-443-4575

With space devoted to high-end designers such as St. John and two tall glass cases housing dozens of Louis Vuitton and Coach handbags, this well-known consignment store is a label lover's dream. It attracts women with disposable incomes, says owner Ann Siner.

The Lincoln Village shopping plaza is also home to three more stores in the My Sister's Closet chain: Well Suited for menswear, Small Change for kids items and My Sister's Attic for home furnishings. We love all of this thriftiness in one place.



[Buffalo Exchange in Tempe](#)

227 W. University Drive, Tempe

480-968-2557

This shop is near the [Arizona State University campus](#) but caters to more than just college kids. Think quirky, eclectic and hipster style for men and women, mixed in with mainstream labels like Gap and Abercrombie & Fitch.

Buffalo Exchange has a second Valley location, at Missouri Avenue and Seventh Street in Phoenix, with a similar vibe.

Consigners don't have to own [Giorgio Armani](#) to score a sale. The buyers whip through your clothes quickly but are still picky. Expect 35 percent of your item's selling price in cash or 50 percent in store credit.



[Sunset Clothing Xchange](#)

601 W. University Drive, Tempe

480-968-6797

This easy-to-shop men's and women's consignment store is stocked with great brands such as Betsey Johnson, BCBG and [Marc Jacobs](#). The space is hip and modern with a vast vintage selection; take your time when strolling through the

tidy store to admire local artwork on the walls. Sunset has a great selection of both vintage and modern dresses, grouped by era.

Bring in your unwanted clothing to score up 40 percent in cash or 55 percent store credit. Keep in mind that these guys are super-selective about the items they accept.



[A Second Look](#)

10620 N. 32nd St., Phoenix

602-992-1916

This 26,000-square-foot shop doesn't carry value brands from Target, Old Navy and JCPenney. Owners Jeri Watson and Judy Rhodes said their shoppers have an eye for higher-end designer labels, especially [Prada](#).

Selling everything from gowns and costume jewelry to men's sportswear and luggage, this is a one-stop shop.

If you're looking to sell, Rhodes said [Calvin Klein](#) denim and Jimmy Choo shoes are moneymakers. You pocket 40 percent of the sales price.



My Sister's Closet, Town & Country location

**2033 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix
602-954-6080**

This [consignment shop](#) is a haven for professional women. Suits by Elie Tahari and Ralph Lauren are part of the mix. So are racks upon racks of stylish shoes.

Expect to find reliable designer names here. This store will pass on anything from Kohl's or the like.

When you bring in items to consign, you take home 55 percent of the sale price in store credit or 45 percent in cash after your item sells.



Celebrity Encore

**7121 E. Fifth Ave., Suite 201, Scottsdale
480-481-0176**

Nestled in [Old Town Scottsdale](#), this 22-year-old consignment boutique prides itself on customer service and upscale designer threads. This women's-only [resale shop](#) offers Gucci and Escada and fabulous accessories including Chanel sunglasses and Coach handbags.

Selling your designer duds there? You'll get 40 percent of the sales price. The store accepts only items that are in season and in style.



Hidden Closet

**6990 E. Shea Blvd., Suite 118, Scottsdale
480-596-6440**

This boutique may be one of the Valley's best-kept secrets: a consignment store so rife with treasure, handbag goddess [Kate Spade](#) has shopped there. You'll find fabulous costume jewelry, real and faux designer bags and '80s designer gear. [Shop](#) for one-of-a-kind evening gowns, bedazzled brooches and vintage handbags, too.

Consigners can score 40 percent of an item's sales price in cash or 50 percent in store credit.



[Hissy Fits](#)

**7036 N. Seventh St., Phoenix
602-674-1250**

This shop aims to keep you and your kids in style with a trendy selection of Vans shoes, baby rock-and-roll gear and maternity designer denim by brands such as [7 for All Mankind](#) and True Religion.

If you've got trendy pieces to sell, Hissy Fits will give you 45 percent of the sales price in cash or 55 percent in store credit.



Urban Baby Exchange

5050 N. Seventh St., Phoenix

602-274-0200

This chic resale boutique has funky and one-of-a-kind items for babies and mommies. Expect to find interesting items like retro bandana bibs, vintage-inspired handmade wooden pull toys and designer camo covers to [dress up](#) Baby Bjorns.

Shop online or at the store to find such brands as Baby Guess, Baby Gap and Catimini. At the shop, a play area will keep kids busy while you buy.

Bringing in items to sell? You can get an immediate store credit for 45 percent of the item's resale value. Or wait for it to sell and you'll get 50 percent of the sales price in cash or 55 percent in store credit. The store is pretty picky about what it will accept, so read up online before you go.



High Society

10805 N. 71st Way, Scottsdale

480-951-2506

We love the one-of-a-kind statement jewelry at this Scottsdale [consignment shop](#). Owner Pat Swinton travels to India and Nepal to bring back distinctive gems, stones and other pieces to accent any ensemble. This boutique also sells high-end clothing labels such as Chanel and Escada and has a great selection of furs, too.

If you're selling items at the store, you get 50 percent of the selling price credited to your account.