

Did You Know?

According to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) approximately 1.4 billion pounds of clothing and textiles are disposed of each year in New York State.

The average American throws away 90 pounds of unwanted clothing, footwear and other textile products annually.

85-percent of the nation's used clothing and household textiles that could have been recycled ends up in landfills; while only 15-percent is being reused or recycled.

According to the U.S. EPA currently 2.25 million tons of used clothing and household textiles are recycled annually, while more than 14 million tons (14.3) is discarded to our nation's landfills and waste to energy facilities (waste combustors).

About 24 pounds of CO₂ are reduced for every 100 pounds of textiles that are recycled or reused.

The U.S. EPA says recycling of used clothing and household textiles has a significant impact on reducing greenhouse gasses. Today we recycle 2 million tons of clothing/textiles per year. This is the equivalent of removing 1 million cars from the nation's roads. This has a greater impact than recycling yard waste (equals removing 170,000 cars); has a greater impact than recycling glass (equals removing 210,000 cars); is greater than plastic (640,000 cars) and is nearly equal to recycling aluminum (1.3 million cars).

SOURCE:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
report: Municipal Solid Waste
Generation, Recycling, and Disposal in
the United States: Facts and Figures
for 2012.

U.S. Census Bureau. U.S. Population as of
January 1, 2013 (used to calculate pounds
per person thrown away annually by
dividing EPA waste figure for 2012)

What Happens After You Drop it in the Bin?

Of all of the used clothing and household textiles that are currently being recycled, estimates are that:

- 40 percent is re-used for its original its purpose (i.e. as an item of clothing)
- Approximately 30 percent is cut into industrial wiping and polishing cloths
- 25 percent is shipped to mills that shred the textiles into fiber that is then used to manufacture new products such as home insulation, car soundproofing, carpet padding and stuffing for upholstered furniture and pet bedding
- The remaining 5 percent is thrown away because it is wet (mildewed) or is stained with solvents, grease, gasoline, etc.



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Textile Recycling Made Easy

Don't trash it!
Reuse, Recycle and Scrap it!

**Recycling! Feels
Great... Less
Filling...**

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Before You Recycle Repair!

Love that pair of slacks with the broken zipper or the jacket with the fraying cuffs? Many dry cleaners do repairs. You can get many more years out of a garment by having it repaired rather than donating it. In other words reuse it yourself.

Where Can I Recycle?

There are numerous bins throughout the region, as well as stores operated by My Sister's Closet (Batavia), Goodwill, the Salvation Army and AmVets that accept these materials. **For a local list contact the GLOW Office.** For a State-wide list go to:

www.nysar3.org/textile_recovery_locations.php

And Don't Forget to Shop!

Stores like Goodwill, Salvation Army and AmVets have great bargains on not only clothing and accessories but also home furnishings, toys, etc. You'll be surprised at what you can find and how little it will cost you.



#ReClotheNY

What Can I Recycle?

The following items can be donated if they are torn, worn, stained, have missing buttons, broken zippers, etc. as long as they are **clean, dry and odorless.** *

Clothing

- Tops (T-shirts, blouses, shirts, tank tops)
- Sweaters
- Sweatshirts
- Dresses
- Outerwear (coats, jackets, blazers)
- Bottoms (jeans, sweatpants, skirts, shorts)
- Suits
- Socks
- Pajamas
- Slips
- Bras
- Underwear

Footwear (in pairs)

- Shoes
- Heels (wedges, pumps)
- Flats
- Sandals
- Flip Flops
- Boots (work boots, dress boots, winter boots)
- Sneakers
- Cleats
- Slippers

Accessories

- Hats
- Bags (pocketbooks, backpacks, duffle bags, totes)
- Belts
- Gloves
- Ties
- Scarves
- Bathrobes

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Linens

- Sheets
- Blankets
- Towels
- Curtains/drapes
- Aprons
- Dish clothes
- Cloth Napkins
- Table Linens
- Comforters
- Throw rugs
- Placemats

Other

- Halloween costumes
- Sports jerseys
- Pet clothing
- Textile scraps greater than 1 ft. x 1 ft.
- Canvas

***PLEASE DO NOT DONATE WET (MILDEWED) MATERIAL OR MATERIAL THAT IS STAINED WITH SOLVENTS, GREASE, GASOLINE, ETC.**

What is the Environment Benefit?

- Reduces the amount of trash sent to landfills
- Reduces land, water and air pollution
- Reduces the use of pesticides in cotton manufacturing:
 - it takes 1/3 pound of pesticides to make one T-shirt
- Reduces VOC emissions and Nitrous Oxide (greenhouse gas) in the production of synthetic materials
- Recycling clothing products conserves massive amounts of water, the world's most precious resource