

# DID YOU KNOW?

## CLOTHING CAN BE RECYCLED!

In New York, **1.4 billion pounds** of *clothing, shoes, & other household textiles* are put in the trash each year.

That's an estimated **\$130 million** worth!  
**Donating and recycling clothing, shoes, and other household textiles in New York could:**



- Create up to **1,000 recycling jobs**
- Help your neighbors in need – donated, wearable clothing is re-worn
- Minimize clutter in your home and closet
- Protect our environment. Recycling the 2 million tons of clothing thrown away each year in the U.S. has a greenhouse gas reduction impact equivalent to **removing 1 million cars** from the nation's roads

**Only 15%** of textiles are reused or recycled – the rest goes straight to a landfill.  
Nearly **95%** of those textiles can be reused or recycled. Let's close that gap!

### HOW DO I RECYCLE MY CLOTHING, SHOES, AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES?

1. Textiles that are no longer wearable can still be donated! Any torn, worn, or stained items can be recycled as long as they are clean, dry, and odorless.
2. What can you donate? Recyclable textiles include everything from linens to sweaters to shoes without a mate. For a full list of acceptable materials, [visit the Re-Clothe NY website](#).
3. Bring old textiles to the nearest collection point. Textiles should NOT be placed in the trash or in a household recycling bin. **Find drop-off locations [here](#).**

### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I RECYCLE HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES?

- 45%** is reused and re-worn by those in need.
- 30%** is recycled into wiping rags.
- 20%** is recycled into fiber, which is used to make carpet padding and insulation.

**RECYCLE TEXTILES TODAY TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY, THE ENVIRONMENT, & YOUR LOCAL ECONOMY.**

Find a collection bin and a list of acceptable materials: [bit.ly/Re-ClotheNY](http://bit.ly/Re-ClotheNY)



# Re-Clothe New York