

Why Reuse or Recycle Textiles?

Donating used textiles supports local charitable organizations that provide jobs and job training to residents.

Used textiles provide low-cost quality clothing and household linens to residents with a limited budget.

Textiles that are not in reusable condition can have a 2nd life as an industrial wiping cloth, insulation for cars and homes, carpet padding or sound-proofing materials.

Keeping used textiles out of the trash reduces disposal costs and saves landfill space!

What are Considered Textiles?

Textiles are a fairly large category of items. Some of the typical textiles are:

- used clothing
- shoes and sneakers
- belts, ties, hats, gloves, scarves
- purses, duffelbags, totes
- sheets, blankets, comforters
- towels, dish towels
- table linens, placemats
- curtains, draperies
- stuffed animals, pillows



What To Do With Old Unwanted Textiles:

Reusable Condition

Can be donated to a variety of charities or clothing collection drop-off bins. Often times these textiles will be sold in the organization's retail stores or be redistributed to people in need. In some cases organizations will partner with a for-profit in the used clothing industry which will buy the clothing in bulk and provide an additional revenue stream to support the organization's mission.

Other outlets for good condition textiles are area consignment shops that will pay individuals directly for items.

Torn, Ripped, Stained, Broken

Textiles not in reusable condition are used to produce various commercial products. These items are accepted by specific programs or collection bins. Please visit www.nytextiles.org or www.gobroomecounty.com/solidwaste for a list of organizations and locations.

For a List of Locations Visit:

- Re-Clothe New York
www.nytextiles.org
- www.gobroomecounty.com/solidwaste or call the Division of Solid Waste
607-778-2250.



Important Information:

- No items should ever be placed outside a collection bin as it will be considered illegal dumping which can result in a fine and could jeopardize the organizations collection program.
- Textiles can not be placed in the curb side recycling bin.
- No clothing that is mildewed or has been contaminated with a solvent such as gasoline, oil, paint, or odorous cleaner.
- No carpets, rugs, or mattresses.

Broome County
Division of Solid Waste Management
(607) 778-2250
www.gobroomecounty.com/solidwaste

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TEXTILE RECYCLING

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency across the country, only 15% of recyclable clothes and textiles are actually recovered; **85% ends up in the trash!**



NY State residents trash an estimated 1.4 billion pounds of recoverable clothes and textiles annually

These materials can easily be diverted from the landfill!

TEXTILE RECYCLING IN BROOME COUNTY

Organization	Accepted Items	Do NOT Accept	Donation Destination
St. Pauly (For Profit Business) 1067 Gateway Drive, Farmington, NY 14425 866-295-4466 www.stpaulytextile.com Multiple Collection Bin Locations	Used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillowcases, blankets, curtains, and stuffed animals.	Furniture, electronics, household items, books, toys, garbage, pillows, rags, and fabric scraps.	Usable clothing distributed to people who can use it, here in the U.S. and in developing countries.
All County Used Clothes 607-722-4962 www.allcountyusedclothes.com Multiple Collection Bin Locations	Used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillowcases, blankets, curtains, and stuffed animals. Includes items that are ripped, stained our unmatched such as socks & shoes.	No restrictions	Bin is emptied and items are sold directly as they are when removed from the bin. Brokered to the highest market value.
Thrifty Shopper (Rescue Mission) 1139 Upper Front St, Binghamton, NY 13905 607-348-0092 www.rmlifechanging.org	Used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillowcases, blankets, curtains, and stuffed animals in good condition.	Prefer no stained, or ripped clothing.	Given away to people in need or sold in a Thrifty Shopper store with all the proceeds going to support the Rescue Mission's programs for the homeless and those hurting in the Broome County community.
Salvation Army 3-5 Griswold Street, Binghamton, NY 13904 607-723-5381 www.binghamton.satruck.org	Used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillowcases, blankets, curtains, and stuffed animals in good condition.	No stained, worn or ripped clothing. Must be in good condition.	Gently used items will be sold through Family Stores. The Adult Rehabilitation programs are funded entirely by the proceeds.
Goodwill 12 Glenwood Ave, Binghamton, NY 607-729-2451 3701 Vestal Parkway E, Vestal, NY 607-797-3414 www.goodwillnynj.org	Used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillowcases, blankets, curtains, and stuffed animals in good condition.	No items that have been recalled, banned or do not meet current safety standards.	Money used to fund job training and other services.
Volunteers of America 519 Hooper Rd, Endwell • 607-239-6053 www.voa.org	Accept most used clothing, household items and furniture in good condition.	No stained, worn or ripped clothing. Must be in good condition.	Resells in their resale stores or recycles textiles. Help fund programs such as the Emergency Family Shelter and the Children's Center
Once Upon a Child (Store) 1708 Vestal Pkwy E, Vestal • 607-754-5437 www.onceuponachild.com	Good condition used clothing, shoes, hats, belts, outerwear.	No stained, worn or ripped clothing. Must be in good condition.	Purchases and sells clean good conditioned reusable clothing at store location.
Platos Closet (Store) 708 Vestal Pkwy E, Vestal • 607-239-4722 www.platosclosetvestal.com	Good condition used clothing, shoes, hats, belts, purses, outerwear.	No stained, worn or ripped clothing. Must be in good condition.	Purchases and sells clean good conditioned reusable clothing at store location.
Rock Solid Provisions PO Box 731, Catskill, NY 12414 518-943-9404 www.rocksolidcharity.com Multiple Collection Bin Locations	Used clothing, coats, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses/bags, stuffed animals, curtains, pillows, and towels.	No stained, worn or ripped clothing. Must be in good condition.	Most distributed to third world countries. Proceeds are used to benefit Christian Education.

At no time should any donated item be left outside of any collection container or collection location - doing so will be considered as illegal dumping.