



REFUSE, RETHINK, REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE



*Globally **ONLY 12 - 15%** of the material used for clothing ends up being recycled!*

Where Can You Take Your Old Clothes?? 1) In good shape, sell them, 2) Put in Bins at Transfer Station by exit, 3) Donate to shelters, 4) Donate to Cape Abilities

Some FACTS:

- Around **85% of all textiles thrown away in the US** – roughly 13 million tonnes in 2017 – are either dumped into landfill or burned.
- The average American has been estimated to **throw away around 37kg of clothes every year.**
- An estimated **92 million tonnes of textiles waste** is created each year and the equivalent to a **rubbish truck full of clothes** ends up in landfill sites every second.
- By 2030, we are expected as a whole to be discarding more than **134 million tonnes of textiles a year.**
- Globally the fashion industry is responsible for **10% of all greenhouse gas emissions**, with textile production alone is estimated to release
- **1.2 billion tonnes of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere every year.**
- Vast amounts of water are also needed to produce the clothes we wear too and the fashion industry is responsible for **20% of global waste water.**
- The average total life span of a piece of clothing is 5.4 years.
- Synthetic clothing may take between 20 to 200 years to **decompose.**

[Recycle Clothing Information](#) | Information taken from: [BBC](#) & [Sustainable Business](#)

The recycling committee is always looking for members. Contact Gary Senecal for more information on how you can get involved. Check out these resources for more information; <http://www.greeneducationfoundation.org>.
www.recyclesmartma.org <https://www.eastham-ma.gov/solid-waste-division/files/2020-2021-transfer-station-guide>