



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 the Transfer Station by exit, 3) Donate to shelters, or 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 landfills or burned.
- The average American has been estimated to throw away around 37kg of clothes every year.
- An estimated 92 million tons 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 to discard 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 tons 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.

Information taken from: [BBC](#) & [Sustainable Business websites](#).