



#ClothesArentTrash

WHAT WE DO

HELPSY is the largest clothing collector in the Northeast. We partner with municipalities and organizations across ten states to collect unwanted clothing and other textiles.

Through a combination of clothing drives, thrift store partners, home pick-ups and recycling bins, HELPSY diverts **30 million pounds** of textiles from landfills every year.

HELPSY's goal is to make the process of reusing and recycling these items as easy as recycling a can of soda.

WHY RECYCLE CLOTHING AND SHOES?

Textile Waste is the **fastest growing waste stream** in the United States...occupying nearly 5% of all landfill space.

The U.S. throws away **36 BILLION** pounds of textiles each year—that is nearly **100 pounds** of discarded clothing per person!

95% of unwanted clothing can be Reused, Repurposed or Recycled, but only **15%** currently is. That amounts to **85%** of discarded textiles in the trash!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Business Owners, Landlords, Schools, & Churches

Become a recycling bin host! Hosts can earn money while helping to save the environment! HELPSY makes it easy.

Individuals and Groups

Consider hosting a clothing drive. You can raise funds for a cause of your choice, while offering people a venue to responsibly dispose of unwanted clothes!

Support Recycling

Contact your local town recycling department and let them know that you would like textile home pick-up in your area.



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FAQs

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How does HELPSY collect unwanted clothing?

HELPSY collects unwanted clothing through clothing drives, recycling bins, home pick-up and thrift store partners.

What items does HELPSY accept?

We pick up clothing, shoes, accessories, and linens, in any condition. Please make sure that everything is dry and bagged. We cannot accept glass or breakable items, furniture, electronics, books or building supplies.

What happens to collected items?

Clothing and shoes are sorted on quality and condition. The best 50% of the clothes are resold in secondhand stores while the rest are sent out for industrial use such as stuffing or insulation. Only the 5% that is wet or oil-stained is thrown away.

Is HELPSY a nonprofit?

HELPSY is a for-profit that partners with nonprofits to help raise millions for charitable programs. By adhering to the highest level of social and environmental performance, HELPSY has earned the designation of a Certified B Corporation...using business as a force of good™.

Who benefits from the items we collect?

In addition to providing low-cost clothing and shoes to communities around the world, we support thousands of American jobs. By reusing 20 million pounds of clothing, we save 7 billion gallons of fresh water and eliminate 300 million pounds of CO₂.



TO GET STARTED, CONTACT US TODAY!
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THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS AWAY.
WHEN WE THROW ANYTHING AWAY IT MUST GO SOMEWHERE.
— Annie Leonard, Creator of 'The Story of Stuff'

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WHAT WE ACCEPT

Anything you can wear, sleep in, or dry yourself off with for any gender and age.

This includes any type of material composed of natural or synthetic fibers such as products made from wool, silk, linen, cotton, polyester, leather, vinyl, hemp, and rayon.

For re-wear, reuse, and recycling, we accept the following items so long as they are clean, dry, and odorless.

Everything should be kept dry in a closed, plastic bag.

Footwear (in pairs):

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

Clothing:

- Tops (t-shirt, blouses, shirts, tank tops)
- Sweaters
- Sweatshirts
- Dresses
- Outerwear (coats, jackets, blazers)
- Bottoms (pants, slacks, jeans, sweatpants, skirts, shorts)
- Suits
- Socks
- Pajamas
- Slips
- Bras
- Underwear
- Baby clothing

Accessories:

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

Linens:

- Sheets/pillowcases
- Blankets
- Comforters
- Curtains/Drapes
- Aprons
- Dish cloths
- Cloth napkins
- Table linens
- Quilts

Other:

- Luggage
- Sports jerseys
- Stuffed animals