Facts About Textile Waste

- the U.S. generates an average of 25 BILLION POUNDS of textiles per year
- that’s roughly 82 POUNDS per U.S. resident
- of that, 85% (70 lbs per person) goes into our landfills
- that adds up to 21 BILLION POUNDS of textile (clothing and linens) waste PER YEAR!

About our Charity Partner

Your donations make a difference in the lives of others

Beneﬁting Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta

A not-for-proﬁt organization, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta’s mission is to make kids better today and healthier tomorrow. They offer specialized care to help children get better faster and live healthier lives. Children’s is the largest healthcare provider for children in Georgia and one of the largest pediatric clinical care providers in the country.

Visit choa.org/give for more information.

Reduce, Reuse, THRIFT!

How, with YOUR HELP, a thrift store can make a difference.

FACT:

In 2016 America’s Thrift Stores kept 21.3 MILLION POUNDS of textiles out of landfills.

* Facts provided by Council for Textile Recycling

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Reduce. Reuse. DONATE.
When you donate items of gently used clothing and household goods out of landfills. But, did you know that we also recycle the bags, boxes and containers in which we receive the donations? In 2016, we recycled 725,205 pounds of paper and cardboard, including books that are unsellable. That’s roughly 18.1 MILLION sheets of paper. If you laid them down in a line, it would be roughly the same distance from Chattanooga to Anchorage.

Reduce. Reuse. THRIFT.
Shopping at America’s Thrift Stores is a great way to practice your 2 R’s and a T – reduce, reuse, and THRIFT.

Reduce – Purchasing a used item rather than a new one reduces the amount of new inputs to the environment. It also keeps all of those items that were in thrift store out of landfills.

Reuse – Most items at thrift stores are in good condition and can be reused. Children’s clothing and toys are especially good examples of this as most children only wear their clothes for a limited amount of time before they are outgrown.

Recycle – Thrift-store items can be recycled, or up-cycled! Thrift-store goods can be given a second life by being turning into something new. Like home furnishings (pillow covers, curtains, etc.), kid’s dress-up outfits, Halloween costumes, and outdoor work clothes.

Reduce. Reuse. HELP THE WORLD.
Most of the goods we purchase from our nonprofit partners are sold, repurposed or recycled locally, but some of the unsold items are baled and sent overseas so that small business owners can supply their local marketplaces. Providing items to developing nations also creates jobs helping people earn a living wage and reinvest earnings into their local economy.

By the Numbers
In 2016 America’s Thrift Stores kept:
- 2.3 million pounds of clothing
- 712,069 pounds of shoes
- 348,052 pounds of accessories (jewelry, hats, scarves, belts, etc.)
- 108,067 pounds of toys
- 120,853 pounds of housewares
OUT OF LANDFILLS!

Did you know...
It takes 1,800 gallons of water to make one pair of blue jeans - more water than it takes to create a ton of cement.

It takes 2,700 liters of water to make one t-shirt - same as 1,350 two liter soda bottles or 91,298 20 ounce bottles.

The production of one shoe produces 30 pounds of carbon dioxide. There are 1.5 BILLION shoes made ANNUALLY.
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Liability Insurance:
We provide liability insurance on all of our community donation boxes and trailers.

Collections:
Our trucks run 6 days a week and all donations from your box or trailer will be collected efficiently.

Size:
We have a variety of trailer sizes and you can choose from either of our standard donation boxes:
- 42” x 42” x 6’
- 58” x 58” x 6’

Clean:
We strive for excellence in keeping your site clean and visually appealing at all times.

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