Pass it on: Give your unwanted clothes and textiles a new home

Don’t throw away the clothes and textiles you don’t need anymore – there’s somebody out there who could benefit from them, or recycle them so they can come back as something new.
**What textiles can we accept?**

Textiles include everything from clothes to shoes and home furnishings. Examples of the household textiles that we can accept for re-use or recycling in your green box collection or at our Recycling Centres include:

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<td>Shoes (tied in pairs)</td>
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<td>Accessories including hats, belts, bags and jewellery</td>
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<td>Trousers and Jeans</td>
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<td>Sweatshirts, Jumpers and T-Shirts</td>
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<td>Shirts and Blouses</td>
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<td>Dresses and Skirts</td>
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<td>Babies’ and Children’s Clothing</td>
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<td>Underwear, especially bras</td>
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<td>Towels</td>
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<td>Cushion covers</td>
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<td>Bedding, Curtains and tablecloths</td>
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**How do I donate?**

It is easy to give items for re-use and recycling.

- Pass it on – donate to a relative, friend or a charity shop or use online organisations such as www.freecycle.org and www.ilovefreegle.org
- Donate using your weekly green box recycling collection
- Donate at textile banks in your local area
- Donate at banks at our three Recycling Centres located below

**Local services**

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Or sell them – advertise on community noticeboards, at work or online – try: 
www.ebay.co.uk  
www.preloved.co.uk  
www.gumtree.com

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**Do you have clothes and textiles that you don’t want any more? Need to make space in your wardrobe?**

If your clothes are wearable pass them on – even worn out clothes still have a use – recycle them so less goes to landfill.

**Yes please ✓**

- We can accept all of the items above in any condition, but they must be clean and dry, not dirty.
- Worn out clothes, a holey sock, a T-shirt with a stain, or a pair of ripped jeans is fine. These items can be recycled and made into new things instead of going to landfill.

**No thanks ✗**

- No stuffed items such as duvets, pillows and cushions.
- No dirty items.

Please put your items in a plastic bag in your green box to keep them dry – we can’t re-use mouldy or wet material. Put them out on a dry day if possible.

If in doubt, put it out!
The benefits of re-use and recycling

• By using your green box collection or our Recycling Centres to donate your textiles you can be sure that none of them will end up in landfill. Some textiles in landfill may not biodegrade while those that do create harmful gases which potentially damage the Earth’s atmosphere.

• We send your textiles to Bristol Textile Recyclers where they are carefully examined by hand to decide which are re-usable before being sorted into over 160 different categories. Re-usable textiles are either re-used in the UK or exported for re-use in Eastern Europe, central Africa or Pakistan. This gives local people access to good quality, affordable used clothing and textiles where new clothing and textiles may be inaccessible or unaffordable. If you would like to learn more about what happens to your textiles visit www.bathnes.gov.uk/textiles to watch a video.

• The textile recycling industry creates employment globally, helping to improve local economies.

Did you know?

Research* has shown that in the UK:

• Clothes are valuable - an estimated £140 millions worth (around 350,000 tonnes) of used clothing goes to landfill every year.

• On average, 30% of the clothes in our wardrobes haven’t been worn in the last year.

• Most of us have over £1,000 worth of clothes in our wardrobes – if you don’t wear them, pass them on or sell them.

• Half of us own at least one item of clothing that’s not being used because of wear and tear. Get the most from your clothes – visit www.loveyourclothes.org.uk to find out quick and easy ways to make the most of your clothes to save you money and help the environment.

*Research according to WRAP

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