

## Where to recycle textiles in Bourne

Residential Recycling Center, 201 MacArthur Boulevard, Route 28 north (sticker required)

The other option is to participate in the Bourne Textile Recycling Program sponsored by the Bourne Parent Teachers Association. These boxes are located at all four Bourne Schools; Bourne High School, Bourne Middle School, Bourne Intermediate School and the Bournedale Elementary School, as well as Upper Cape Regional Technical school. The advantage of these locations is that donations can be made at any time, day or night, with the assurance that your items will be helping our schools and our community without the need for a residential recycling center sticker.

## What textiles to recycle



## LIST OF ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

### Textile Recovery Initiative

#### Acceptable Textile Items

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Contrary to popular belief, textile donations in any condition are welcome by most for-profit and nonprofit textile collectors alike. This includes items with stains, rips, missing buttons or broken zippers. Why? Textiles are a valuable commodity! Items that don't sell in thrift stores are baled and sold to brokers or graders who sell to overseas markets. In developing nations, used clothing and textiles supply local enterprises with materials to repair and resell. Other textiles can be converted to their original fibers and manufactured into other materials, such as wiping cloths or insulation.

The *only unacceptable* donations are wet/moldy items or items contaminated with oil or hazardous substances. The items below can be donated in *any condition* as long as they are *clean, dry* and *odorless*. Check with your local textile collector for further information about what is accepted.

#### Clothing

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

#### Footwear

- Shoes
- Heels
- Flats
- Sandals
- Boots
- Sneakers
- Cleats
- Slippers

#### Accessories

- Hats
- Bags (purses, backpacks, duffel bags, totes)
- Belts
- Gloves
- Ties
- Scarves
- Bathrobes

#### Linens

- Sheets
- Blankets
- Towels
- Curtains
- Aprons
- Dish cloths
- Table linens
- Comforters
- Throw rugs
- Placemats
- Pillows
- Canvas
- Rags

#### Other

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- Stuffed animals
- Halloween costumes
- Pet beds and clothing