



LIST OF ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

Textile Recovery Initiative

Acceptable Textile Items

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, duffle 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

- Stuffed animals
- Halloween costumes
- Pet beds and clothing