

Make Dennis More Sustainable... Recycle Unusable cloth items, IT'S THE LAW!

In MA, "textiles" can no longer be put in trash disposal, where they are either incinerated (as our Town's trash is), or landfilled. Both are increasingly costly to towns and the environment.

Every year, Dennis residents throw away nearly 321,000 pounds of unusable cloth items, and nearly 100 percent of them can be re-purposed. Savings from recycling could help to reduce future fee increases and expand services. Keeping recyclable, unusable cloth items out of our trash is a great way to make progress toward our "ZeroWaste" goals!

1 What "textiles" can be recycled?

- Footwear or clothing not suitable for donation
- Unusable linens, bedding, towels, curtains, fabric, and similar products
- Items contaminated with mold, bodily fluids, insects, oil, or hazardous substances **CAN NOT** be recycled and can still be included with household or business waste
- For a complete list go to: https://www.smartasn.org/SMARTASN/assets/File/resources/List_of_recyclable_textiles.pdf

DONATING UNUSABLE CLOTH ITEMS MAKES A **DIFFERENCE!**

NEW, USEFUL LIVES...

STAINED T-SHIRT	.....	WIPING CLOTH
LONE SOCK	.....	PILLOW STUFFING
OLD DENIM	.....	HOUSEHOLD INSULATION
TORN TOWEL	.....	WIPING CLOTH
TEDDY BEAR	.....	CAR SEAT STUFFING

SAVE MONEY & RESOURCES

REDUCE WATER, ENERGY USE, & POLLUTION

PROVIDE AFFORDABLE CLOTHING TO THOSE IN NEED

NEARLY 100% ARE RECYCLED

- 45% CLOTHING
- 30% WIPING CLOTH
- 20% FIBER

HELP DENNIS AVOID DISPOSAL COSTS!

RECYCLING UNUSABLE CLOTH ITEMS IS THE LAW!

PLEASE RECYCLE

UNUSABLE footwear, clothing, linens, bedding, towels, curtains, fabric & similar products

DO NOT RECYCLE

Items wet or contaminated with mold, bodily fluids, insects, oil, or hazardous substances.

INSTEAD, please include with household or business trash

SCAN HERE FOR A COMPLETE LIST!



2 Why recycle textiles?

It Reduces...

- Dependence on sole-source incineration, giving Dennis the **opportunity to avoid nearly \$19,000 in disposal costs each year**
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Use of plastic bags

3 How are textiles recycled?

- **Residents** can learn more at: <https://www.mass.gov/guides/textile-recovery>
- **Businesses** can search for recycling service providers for textiles (or for any material) through the RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts (RecyclingWorks)

Frequently Asked Questions About the New Textile Recycling Law

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/frequently-asked-questions-mattress-textile-waste-ban/download?ipid=promo-link-block1>

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