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*Millbury Textile Recycling, Inc. is a 4th generation textile recycler who wants to change the way you think about used clothing through our **Cash4Clothes** program. We want you to think about used clothing and household linens the same way you think about plastics, glass and cans.*

Textile Recycling

A Textile is any material made by weaving, knitting or fusing fibers together. A fiber can be twisted or spun into a thread. Textiles are used to make clothing, bedding, carpets, and other household uses. Just like other items, textiles can be reused, repurposed and recycled.

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/textile>

Almost any textile can be recycled or reused. Torn towels can be donated to an animal shelter and used for bedding. Unwanted clothes can be donated or repurposed. Stuffing from plush toys can be used for insulation. Jeans can be repurposed and made into shorts, book bags, patchwork quilts or they can be glued onto used soup cans to make pencil holders. www.smartasn.org

Most people throw away their old clothing and textiles, especially when the fabric is frayed or out of style. As long as the textile is clean, it can be donated for sale or repurposing. Did you know that most Americans throw away 70 pounds of textiles every year and the discarded items end up in landfills? Can you imagine how many landfills could be saved if we just donated our unwanted textiles? www.weardonaterecycle.org/

Textiles should not end up in landfills because they can take thousands of years to decompose. Some textiles are made with chemicals and petroleum products and may never biodegrade. These items pollute the air, land and water. www.smartasn.org

Activities:

1. Color all the items in the house green if they are made from a textile.
2. Color all the items in the house red if they could cause pollution if thrown away.
3. Write a list of items in your house that are textiles and may be recycled.