



Textile Recycling: Fill in the Blanks

1. The average lifetime of a piece of clothing is only about ___ years.
2. ___ is the percent of pre-consumer textile waste that is recycled by manufacturers.
3. ___ is the percentage of post-consumer textile waste that is recycled.
4. ___ is the number of pounds of clothing, shoes and other household textiles that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that the average American throws away each year.
5. ___ are used to make paving materials.
6. Most recycling firms are ___ - ___ businesses.
7. _____ saves resources and energy.
8. Disposing of textiles in landfills produce _____ which pollute the environment.
9. It takes significantly ___ energy to produce products from Recycled textiles than it does from raw materials.
10. Recycling reduces ___ waste.
11. ___ is the percentage of used textiles that can be recycled.
12. When textiles can't be repurposed they can be turned into _____.
13. The manufacturing of ___ emits nitrous oxide, a greenhouse gas with a carbon footprint 310 times that of carbon dioxide.
14. ___ is the most pesticide-intensive textile crop in the world.
15. It takes ___ pounds of pesticides to make one t-shirt.
16. _____ is made out of 80% textiles. You are spending your old clothes!



Answer Key:

1. Three
2. Seventy-five
3. Fifteen
4. Seventy
5. Soles
6. Family-Owned
7. Recycling
8. Toxins
9. Less
10. Solid
11. Hundred
12. Rags
13. Nylon
14. Cotton
15. $\frac{1}{3}$ (.3333)
16. Paper Money/ Dollars