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RECYCLING *Clothes and Accessories*

The textile making process is energy and resource intensive. By recycling clothing you cut the number of resources used.

Eyeglasses: These are easily and readily reused—no need to expend resources (aka money) in recycling them into something else. There are take-back and mail-in programs for eye wear. Ask your eye doctor, or contact The Lions Club, the largest glasses reuse program in the nation.

Clothing: If it is reusable, articles of clothing usually make it back to a hanger

in a thrift store. Sometimes reusable clothing is sent to 3rd-world countries where it disrupts local garment industries as well as muddling cultural textile traditions. Nike, H&M and Patagonia actually take some clothing articles back to the fiber, which is re-dyed, re-spun and reused in a new garment.

Shoes: As with clothes, shoes are reused until they are pretty well used up. Once that happens there are only a few organizations that break materials down for reuse, such as crumb rubber for use as an asphalt or soil additive.

5%
Amount of landfill space taken up by textiles.

15%
Amount of textiles currently recycled... leaving 85% in landfills.

70 lbs.
The average US citizen throws away 70 lbs. of clothing and other textiles yearly.

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY *November 15, 2016*

America Recycles Day is a reminder that every day, with every purchase and every item disposed, you can make a difference in the environment.

The national recycling rate has increased every year for the past 30 years. *The current recycling rate is 34.5%.*



JOIN US IN RECYCLING MORE.

For America Recycles Day 2016, I pledge to:

LEARN: I will find out what materials are collected for recycling in my community.

ACT: Reduce my personal waste by recycling. Within the next month, I will recycle more.

SHARE: In the next month, I will encourage one family member or one friend to take the pledge.

VISIT: americarecyclesday.org and make your pledge.

CHIC REUSE IDEAS

Clever, cost effective ways to reuse frames



CCD Holiday Schedule

There will be no collection of waste or recyclables on the following holiday:

Labor Day: Monday, September 5

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 24

All collections following a weekday holiday will be delayed one day, with Friday collections moved to Saturday.