

CLOTHING & TEXTILES RECYCLING



The Western New York Coalition for Donated Goods (WNYCDG) is a collaboration of nonprofit organizations whose goal is to promote both the community and the environment through the donation of clothing and other goods. The coalition was formed in May 2014 through the efforts of Mayor Byron W. Brown in response to the request from the nonprofit organizations. The WNYCDG is made of the following organizations: Goodwill, The Salvation Army, Buffalo City Mission, AMVETS and Hearts for the Homeless.

OUR MISSION

The Western New York Coalition for Donated Goods is a consortium of nonprofit organizations. The mission of WNYCDG is to educate the community on the environmental and economic benefits of recycling and donating goods and provide easy access to donation opportunities.

WHY REUSE?

Many items we throw away every day have the potential to be reused for their original purposes or for new ones. Reuse allows you to get the most out of the products you buy and saves you money as well. Additionally, reusing products conserves natural resources and saves valuable landfill space. Clothing can be reused again and again. When it becomes unwearable, donations centers can sell the material and use the proceeds on local programming.

HOW ARE CLOTHES REUSED?

- PRIMARILY RESOLD AT STORES.
- MATERIALS THAT ARE NOT RE-SOLD ARE BALED AND SHIPPED OFF-SITE FOR REUSE.
- WNYCDG ENSURES THAT 100% OF YOUR DONATION BENEFITS A LOCAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION!

WHAT ARE SPECIFIC MATERIALS RECYCLED INTO?

- STUFFED TOYS AND PILLOWS BECOME CAR SEAT STUFFING AND AUTOMOBILE INSULATION.
- T-SHIRTS, SHEETS, TOWELS AND CLOTHING BECOME WIPING CLOTHS.
- DENIM BECOMES HOME INSULATION.
- SHOE SOLES BECOME PAVING MATERIAL.
- SWEATERS AND COATS BECOME CARPET PADDING.
- CURTAINS AND DRAPES BECOME STUFFING FOR PILLOWS, SLEEPING BAGS AND ANIMAL BEDS.
- WOOL SWEATERS AND MATERIALS BECOME BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FILLING.
- VELVET FABRIC SCRAPS BECOME PAPER MONEY.

For a list of clothing drop-off locations, visit city-buffalo.com/reuse



CAN IT BE RECYCLED?

Call 311 or visit BuffaloRecycles.org to learn more.

