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Recycling Goes Beyond Cans and Bottles: Reducing Textile Waste

Did you know that Californians throw away 1.2 million tons of textiles a year? This makes up about 3% of what we landfill. Recycling, reusing, and repurposing your clothing and linens can keep them out of the landfill and save you money on buying new. Here are some tips on how to save the planet and save money:

1. Have a back-to-school or just for fun clothing swap with neighbors, friends, or family. You can also reuse clothing by shopping at secondhand stores, yard sales, or online resellers.
 2. Borrow a denim repair kit or attend a textile workshop at a Tehama County Library location.
 3. Repurpose clothing beyond repair as shop/cleaning rags. Socks can become sock puppets. Old t-shirts or jeans can become patchwork blankets.
 4. If you lose or gain weight, have your clothes tailored instead of buying new. Many dry cleaners can repair or tailor clothing.
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1. Personalize garments to give them new life. You can add patches or embroidery or even dye your garment a new color.
 2. When you must, the Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill has a recycle bin for textiles before the scalehouse all summer long. Please bring your textiles there instead of putting them in your trash cart.

Why it Matters

When you keep recyclable materials out of the landfill, you make space for things that really can't be recycled, extending the life of the landfill and your clothing.

Items not accepted for textile recycling at the Landfill include pillows, sleeping bags, mattresses*, rugs, carpet**, cushions, foam furniture, foam mats, vinyl shower curtains, large

luggage, wet items, and smelly or moldy items.

**Mattresses and box springs self-hauled to the Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill are accepted at no charge.*

***Carpet and carpet padding are accepted for recycling at the Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill at a significantly reduced fee*

For more information on waste reduction, reuse, and recycling please visit www.tehamacountylandfill.com or call Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency at (530) 528-1103.