



## The Wheaton Park District hosts two clothing recycling bins.

### Community Center Location

1777 S. Blanchard St., Wheaton

The clothing and textile recycling bin is located in the southwest corner of the Wheaton Park District Community Center parking lot.

### What Can Go in the Bin?

Acceptable: clothes, shoes and household textiles regardless of condition. Household textiles include tablecloths, towels, beddings, blankets, bedspreads, etc.

Clothes, shoes and textiles must be clean and dry, and dropped off in tied plastic bags. A sturdy plastic bag protects the clothes from dirt and simplifies handling.

Not Acceptable: mattresses, furniture, appliances, carpet, household items, toys or trash.

### About the Clothing Recycler

USAgain is a for-profit company that collects unwanted textiles and resells them in the United States and abroad. Instead of throwing away unwanted clothes, consumers drop them off in the bin, textiles are then diverted from landfills to be reworn, reused or recycled.

One million pounds of clothing per week are collected, which is then purchased by wholesale buyers, thrift store chains and textile recyclers. In 2009, USAgain collected more than 54 million pounds of discarded clothing.

### Central Athletic Complex Location

500 S. Naperville Rd., Wheaton

The clothing and textile recycling bin is located in the Central Athletic Complex parking lot.

### What Can Go in the Bin?

Acceptable items include clothes and shoes (any condition).

### About the Clothing Recycler

Green City Project collects unwanted textiles and resells them in the U.S. and abroad, effectively diverting millions of pounds of clothing from landfills.

## Reasons to Recycle

The textile recycling industry annually prevents 2.5 billion pounds of post-consumer textile product waste from entering the solid waste stream, according to the Council for Textile Recycling.

This 2.5 billion pounds of post-consumer textile waste represents 10 pounds for every person in the United States.

– EPA

It takes around 1,800 gallons of water to grow enough cotton to produce just one pair of regular ol' blue jeans.

It takes a whopping 400 gallons of water to grow the cotton required for an ordinary cotton shirt.

– treehugger.com

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