

# re-fashionNYC

NYC's official clothing reuse program in partnership with  HOUSINGWORKS

## Items Accepted



women & men's clothing



children's clothing



shoes & boots



purses, gloves, scarves,  
hats & belts



towels & curtains



bedding & linens



clean rags & torn clothing

# Free Clothing & Textile Recycling



Save for reference — or recycle it!  
Printed on recycled paper, of course.



## What is re-fashionNYC?

**re-fashionNYC** is a free and convenient clothing donation and recycling service available to apartment, office, and commercial buildings.

The service is provided by the NYC Department of Sanitation and Housing Works.

In contrast to for-profit used clothing companies that supply similar collection bins, re-fashionNYC is 100% nonprofit and charitable.

## Why Join?

**Help New Yorkers.** All proceeds from donations support the charitable mission of Housing Works to end the dual crises of homelessness and AIDS.

**Get tax deductions.** Tax receipts for up to \$250 are available directly on the bin.

**Keep valuable materials from going to landfills.** Every year NYC residents throw away approximately **200,000 tons** of clothing, towels, blankets, curtains, shoes, handbags, belts, and other textiles and apparel. That's nearly the weight of 900 Statues of Liberty!

## How It Works

We will visit your building to discuss how many donation bins you want, what sizes are best, and where they should be placed.

The re-fashionNYC donation bin is offered in two sizes:

**Small** (2' deep x 4' wide x 6' high)

**Large** (3.5' deep x 4' wide x 6' high)

When the bin is full, simply let us know by calling or emailing us. We will pick up the donations within five business days.

## How to Enroll

To receive a re-fashionNYC bin in your apartment, office, or commercial building, complete an online inquiry form at [nyc.gov/refashion](http://nyc.gov/refashion).

## What Happens to Donations?

Some donations are sold in Housing Works thrift shops throughout NYC, including the Buy-the-Bag store in Brooklyn.

Some items are donated to Haiti or sent to other nonprofit thrift shops.

The rest are sold to a textile merchant for recycling or exported to overseas markets.

No donations are sent to landfills!

## Recycle More!

The NYC Department of Sanitation offers additional recycling services for residential apartment buildings with 10 or more units.

**Electronics:** **e-cycleNYC** ([nyc.gov/ecycle](http://nyc.gov/ecycle)) provides eligible buildings with free bins and pickup service for responsible recycling. *As of January 2015, it is illegal to discard electronics in the trash.*

**Food scraps:** **NYC Organics Collection** ([nyc.gov/organics](http://nyc.gov/organics)) provides eligible buildings with curbside collection of residents' food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard waste.

