

Textile Collections · Recycling · Eco World · Just Porch It



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Eco World / Just Porch it Textile Recycling www.EcoWorldTrading.com www.JustPorchlt.com

We are an environmentally friendly, reuse, and repurpose textile recycling company working hard to keep all used clothing and shoes out of the landfills, regardless of the condition or quality. Textiles are considered a top contaminant in the landfills and have multiple outlets rather than end up in the trash. It is our mission to help educate the community about what they can do to become more sustainable. This is achieved in two ways, placing Eco World clothing and shoes collection bins in communities throughout the Central Valley, as well as our free home pick up service, Just Porch It. We currently operate in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, and Colorado. To differentiate ourselves from other recycling companies we affiliate with schools, churches, charities, nonprofits, and local thrift stores rather than compete with them. If needed our local affiliates have access to products. At this point they will sort through and deem what is usable and unusable for their location. Our company will take back what is deemed unusable for the purpose of recycling into carpet pad, insulation, and underlay. In the case there is no need for product to be delivered to our affiliates, we still pick up the items that didn't make it to their racks or didn't get selected off the racks. We also offer a program for unwanted textiles to our affiliates which generates revenue for what they would typically put in the trash and do our part to keep textiles out of the trash by recycling the unusable items. Once we make sure our local affiliates are fully stocked, we then work with our partners in South America who need access to secondhand clothing as this is their main source of clothing, shoes, and accessories. Our partners are carefully selected as we make sure there is no dumping and the process is a fully closed loop by recycling the items that aren't usable as our company does here in the U.S.A. Locally, we host used clothing and shoes drives to fundraise for schools, churches, sports teams, and organizations. This is a great way to fundraise without the responsibility of selling or delivering goods. We work hand in hand with Marjaree Mason Center and The Central Valley Red Cross by providing domestic violence and disaster relief survivors vouchers to shop for clothing, shoes, and hygienic products free of charge. Previously we relied on our affiliates to provide vouchers, but not all could fill the need, and this is how Full Circle Thrift was born.

Full Circle Thrift was established in 2019 as a store that could provide free vouchers and never have to turn away people in need. Full Circle Thrift is sustained off their own local donations collected which is what stocks the shelves and provides affordable clothing, shoes, and home goods to the community. We keep our prices competitive to attract customers whose purchases support the continuation of our voucher system. Voucher recipients also benefit from these strategically priced items to maximize their spending limit. Unlike many big box stores, this location is not supplied by home pick-ups or collection bins. As a matter of fact, Full Circle uses Eco World as a textile recycler, and has local outlets for used books, broken electronics, glassware, and home goods. Although our collection business and thrift store are separate entities, we make sure both companies leave a green footprint. Operating green companies and focusing on sustainability is something we are very proud of and work hard to keep all textiles out of the landfills by offering a solution to a problem. Helping local communities is a personal passion that separates us from other collection companies. Giving locals a chance to give back to their community directly, hiring locals, and doing our part to educate communities, separates us from the pack. Transparency is crucial in this industry, and we are an open book. The opportunity for businesses and locals to understand the ins and outs of our company is why people work with us and should choose to work with a company that doesn't have alternative motives. We are happy to extend this opportunity to be affiliated with all schools, churches, nonprofits, charities, and thrift stores that share the same passion of sustainability. Our goal is to be able to give new life to worn, torn, mismatched, unwanted, or unused textiles, rather than end up in the landfills. It is a great way to give the community the comfort of knowing they are helping locally as well as generating revenue for their favorite cause. We are proud to offer a service with a purpose.

<u>F.A.Q.</u>

• What happens to the items that are donated?

Items that are too old, worn, torn, or stained are shredded and turned into carpet pad, insulation, underlay, or turf for playgrounds and stadiums. Thrifts and churches that need donations can receive them from our company and in return we pick up items that were not sold on their racks or just weren't good enough quality to be placed on their floor. This turns their shelves faster and generates more revenue for their store. Lastly the product that could not be used or took in by the thrifts and churches are then shipped to our South American affiliates that do not have access to manufacturers with the quality of product that the United States offers. Most importantly all items are kept out of landfills without being dumped in other countries or being burned.

• What can be put in the textile recycling bins or picked up from homes? Acceptable items for the collection bins and home-pickups are as follows; clothing, shoes, backpacks, purses, belts, hats, towels, sheets, blankets, pillows, stuffed animals, and small household items that fit in a bag.

• Who is responsible for maintaining the textile recycling bins?

Eco World takes full responsibility for the cleanliness and neatness of the collection bin and a 10 ft. surrounding area of the bin. Bins are serviced at least once a week, always freshly painted, no graffiti allowed, always locked, clean of trash and weeds, logo and phone number are visible and never left unsightly. If the property owner or the public notices any damage to the bin or attention it may need in between our servicing of the bin, our direct phone number is located on the bin and should be called for assistance.

• How do I know the bins will be maintained?

Eco World is a locally owned and operated company. We hire locals which allows us to take immediate action. The bins are on routes and emptied as much as the location needs. If a location fills up faster than once a week, it can be on a route that is serviced more frequently, or additional bins can be added with consent of the business/property owner.

• How big are the donation bins?

The donation bins are approximately 6.5 ft tall by 3 ft. wide by 4 ft. deep and hold about 300 lbs.

Where should the bin be placed?

The donation bins work the best if they are placed in a visible area to the public with easy access. The more visible the bin is to the community the more donations it will collect as they will start to learn this is the correct place for clothing and shoes and not put them in the trash.

• Will donating to these bins hinder my local charities or thrifts?

No, Eco World works with over 200 charities, churches, schools, and thrift stores. These bins and our home pickups help these affiliates by clearing out their storage rooms, allowing the affiliates to never being too full to collect, and always able to accept donations. Many locations use our bins as a form of after business hour collections. All affiliates can receive our collections if they are low or don't have any to sort through.

Who holds liability for the collection bins?

Eco World holds the liability on their collection bins regardless of the placement or property that the bins are placed on. If the property owner needs a copy of the policy or needs to have their name or business name added to the policy, a certificate can be issued by Eco World.

Current Affiliations

We currently work with over 200 affiliates, with some of our local affiliates being Washington Union School District, Clovis North High School, Madera High School, Fresno High School, Rio Vista Middle School, and River Bluff Elementary School.

Randy Morris, Superintendent of Washington Union School District helped place textile recycling bins throughout Easton that all collect as a part of our weigh and pay program to generate funds for the Washington Union Scholarship Fund. This generates multiple scholarships a year and in 2022 collected 65,137 lbs. of textiles from 5 collection locations.

Clovis North High School had textile recycling bins placed during the Creek Fire in efforts to help with the donations needed for our company to distribute to The Red Cross disaster relief victims. After the emergency point of contact moved from Clovis North to Clovis Hills Community Church for the fire. Assistant Superintendent, Denver Stairs, utilizes the collections from these bins for the Buchanan Foundation. In 2022 this one location collected 19,020 lbs.; we are in hopes to expand this program to other Clovis Unified School locations.

Madera High Schools have donation bins at two locations as well as utilize our home pick up service in efforts to generate funds for a trip to Italy in 2023. One year of donations between home pick ups and 2 donation bin locations generated 28,214 lbs. of textiles.

Fresno High School has 2 textile recycling bins on their school site that collect for their free thrift store that they have on campus placed out for students every other Thursday. They also rely on the funds for their collections as this site has a sustainability club and is part of Jerry Dyer and Mark Standriff's Beautify Fresno Project. Our company worked hand in hand with staff and students to host and produce a Sustainable Beauty Fashion Show as an effort to raise awareness of textile recycling. Fresno High School's 2 bin locations have generated 16,040 lbs. in less than a year.

Rio Vista Cheer and Leadership programs have both ran fundraisers through Just Porch It. Funds were generated as a weigh and pay program from all of the home pick ups who scheduled and submitted Rio Vista under the "how did you hear about us" portion of the sign up. Cheer collected a \$900.00 check in a 8 week campaign and Leadership collected over \$1,000.00 for Mrs. Root's leadership program between 2 separate campaigns run by Just Porch It.

River Bluff Cheer directed by Miss Juana Sperling ran a donation drop off to the school site that was collected daily in an effort to generate funds for competition cheer to attend USA Championships at Disneyland. The program collected over \$1,500.00 in fundraising efforts in an eight-week time frame.

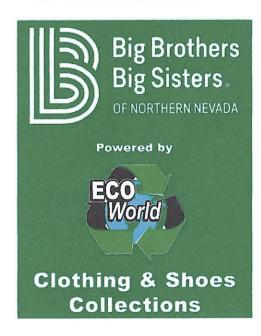
We also work with schools out of state that use both Eco World collection bins and Just Porch It home pick up services. A few examples of collections for the year of 2022 are; Sawtooth Middle School located in Idaho collected 63,035 lbs., Kuna High School located in Idaho collected 59,875 lbs., and Banks High School located in Oregon collected 33,825 lbs.

Textile recycling bin pictures and collaboration stickers

Pictured below are Eco World textile recycling bins as well as affiliates who chose to have their logo placed on bins in an effort to raise awareness to the community that the collections help locally.



Eco World Collection Bins



BBBSNN collaboration



Fresno High School collaboration





Fresno State collaboration



Eco World Textile Recycling Bin Consent Form

Business Name:	
Business Address:	
Owner/Supervisor Name:	
Owner/Supervisor Signature:	
Comments about bin location:	

D'Ambrosio Trading Inc.'s Guarantee:

Eco World's clothing and shoes collection bins are owned and operated solely by D'Ambrosio Trading Inc. D'Ambrosio Trading Inc. carries a liability policy on all bins and can provide a certificate of insurance to the business or property owner upon request. No other party is held responsible for the bin on location or damage to the bin. All collection bins are serviced and maintained, at minimum, once a week. If the bin or site needs attention in between services, please call 559-369-4212 and we will get a driver out to the location to service the bin and a 10 ft. perimeter of the bin. No graffiti, trash, or overflowing product is permitted. All signage and contact information must be visible to the public on the collection bin.

For office use only: Site found by: Date: