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## RECYCLING *Clothes and Accessories*

The textile making process is energy and resource intensive. By recycling clothing you cut the number of resources used.

**Eyeglasses:** These are easily and readily reused—no need to expend resources (aka money) in recycling them into something else. There are take-back and mail-in programs for eye wear. Ask your eye doctor, or contact The Lions Club, the largest glasses reuse program in the nation.

**Clothing:** If it is reusable, articles of clothing usually make it back to a hanger

in a thrift store. Sometimes reusable clothing is sent to 3rd-world countries where it disrupts local garment industries as well as muddling cultural textile traditions. Nike, H&M and Patagonia actually take some clothing articles back to the fiber, which is dyed, re-spun and reused in a new garment.

**Shoes:** As with clothes, shoes are reused until they are pretty well used up. Once that happens there are only a few organizations that break materials down for reuse, such as crumb rubber for use as an asphalt or soil additive.

**5%**  
Amount of landfill space taken up by textiles.

**15%**  
Amount of textiles currently recycled... leaving 85% in landfills.

**70 lbs.**  
The average US citizen throws away 70 lbs. of clothing and other textiles yearly.

## AMERICA RECYCLES DAY *November 15, 2016*

America Recycles Day is a reminder that every day, with every purchase and every item disposed, you can make a difference in the environment.

The national recycling rate has increased every year for the past 30 years. *The current recycling rate is 34.5%.*



### JOIN US IN RECYCLING MORE.

*For America Recycles Day 2016, I pledge to:*

**LEARN:** I will find out what materials are collected for recycling in my community.

**ACT:** Reduce my personal waste by recycling. Within the next month, I will recycle more.

**SHARE:** In the next month, I will encourage one family member or one friend to take the pledge.

**VISIT:** [americarecyclesday.org](http://americarecyclesday.org) and make your pledge.

## CHIC REUSE IDEAS

*Clever, cost effective ways to reuse frames*



## CCD Holiday Schedule

*There will be no collection of waste or recyclables on the following holiday:*

**Labor Day:** Monday, September 5

**Thanksgiving Day:** Thursday, November 24

All collections following a weekday holiday will be delayed one day, with Friday collections moved to Saturday.