

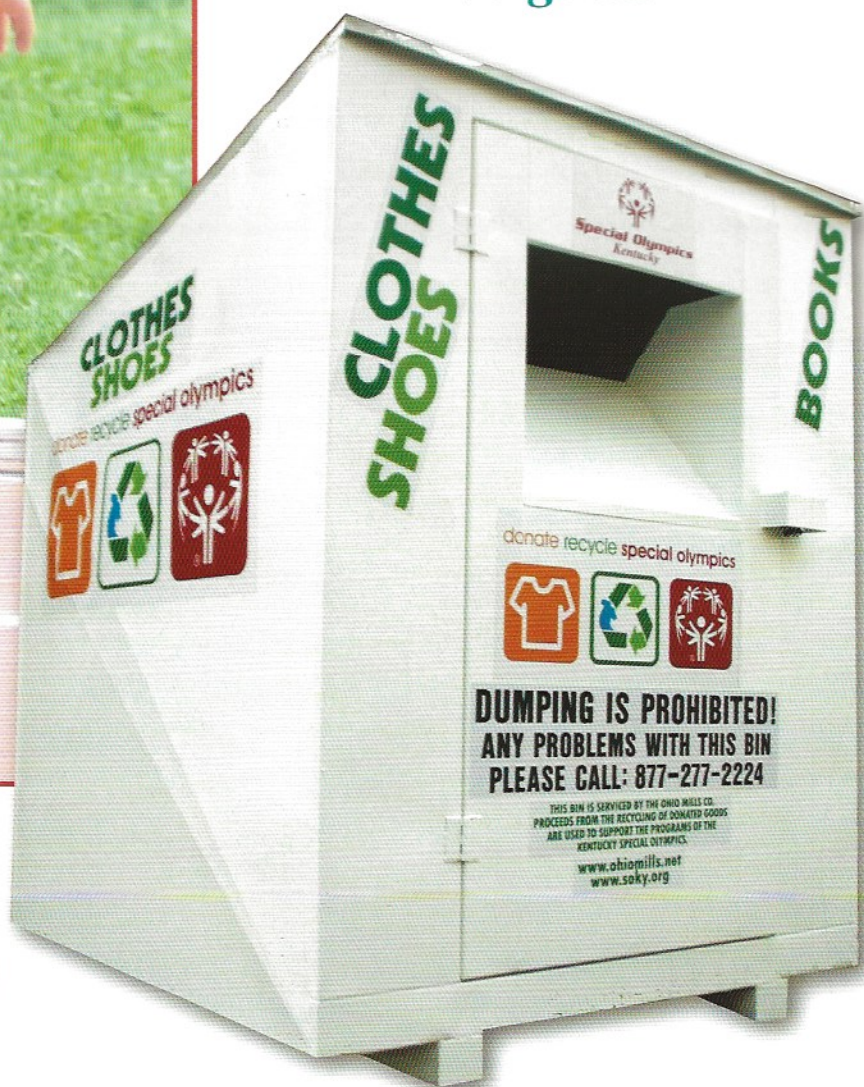
Turn your used clothing, shoes and books into **GOLD** for Special Olympics athletes!



Drop clothing, shoes or books in bins throughout Virginia, and Tidewater will donate proceeds from their recycling to



Special Olympics
Virginia



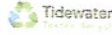
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Textile Recycling

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*We need clothes, shoes
and household items!*



**Special
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The Special Olympics of Virginia provides sports training and team competition opportunities for children and adults with developmental disabilities. Our most notable fundraiser is the Polar Plunge.

You can become a contributor and sponsor of the Special Olympics at no cost by hosting a recycling bin on site designed to collect unwanted clothing while also keeping these items out of area landfills.

The program provides a 4x4 donation bin which carries its' own liability insurance and is emptied on a weekly basis, more if requested. Please contact me for placement and/or more information.

Thank you in advance for your time,

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**TURN YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES INTO GOLD
FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF VIRGINIA!**

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Clothes
Shoes
Belts
Pocketbooks
Stuffed animals

Towels
Bedding
Blankets
Curtains
Ties

Ripped or stained items are acceptable as they are shredded and woven into rags. A single shoe is welcome as they are ground up to be used in car seats, carpet pads, punching bags.

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Textile Recycling Fact Sheet

You and your students are probably used to recycling aluminum, paper, glass, and other items. But did you know that clothing and other textiles can be recycled too? Here are some textile recycling facts to share with your class:

The basics

- The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that the average person throws away **81 pounds** of clothing per year. That adds up to **3.8 billion pounds of unnecessary waste added to our landfills**.
- Clothing and household textiles currently make up **5.2% of the waste in landfills**.
- A textile is any item made from cloth or an artificial fabric like vinyl. Textiles are used for clothing, linens, bedding, upholstery, curtains, carpets, and other items. **Any textile item, even if it's worn, torn, or stained, can be recycled.** You can even recycle a single shoe! Items simply need to be clean and dry.
- Recycling clothing and textiles **decreases the use of natural resources**, such as water used in growing crops and petroleum used in creating new clothing and textiles. It also decreases the need for chemicals used in manufacturing new textiles and the pollution caused by the manufacturing process.

How are recycled textiles used?

- Resold at charities' secondhand clothing stores
- Sent to developing countries
- Turned into wiping cloths, which are used in a variety of industries and businesses (everything from manufacturers to repair shops, construction industries, stores, and maintenance and custodial departments)
- Processed back into fibers and turned into paper, yarn, insulation, carpet padding, and other items

Where can clothing and textiles be recycled?

If your town doesn't accept textiles with other recyclables, donate your items to a local recycling center or charity. **Nearly 100% of donated items are recycled.** The recycling center or charity will determine which items are usable as clothing, which can be sold and turned into wiping rags, and which can be sold and processed back into fibers to make new products. Charities and recyclers generate revenue for their programs, and textiles get a second (or third or fourth) life. To locate a donation center near you, visit www.smartasn.org.



WE OFFER COMPLETE TRANSPARENCY OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS!!

You can rest assured your proceeds from donated items are actually being received by the Special Olympics Virginia as we are registered with the State of Virginia's Office of Consumer Affairs and we offer them a complete financial accounting as required by law. The disclaimer below is also posted on the recycling bin itself to reinforce our policy of complete disclosure

"Thank you for your tax deductible donation to Special Olympics Virginia (SOVA). Your donations provide valuable revenue for our operations and Programs." Rick Jeffrey, President, SOVA

Tidewater Textile Recycling, LLC (TTR) is a paid professional solicitor. TTR operates by express authorization of SOVA to maintain this bin to Solicit and accept donations and to operate as a reseller of the donated Clothing,

Annual Financial Statements and Authorizations for SOVA and TTR are available from the State Office of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and upon request to SOVA or TTR.

For more information and requests, contact:

Special Olympics Virginia, 3212 Skipwith Road, Suite 100, Richmond, Virginia 23294 or on the web: www.specialolympicsva.org