

# Fashion & Interior Design Community Service



## How it works!

### FIND TO A WORTHY CAUSE

Find a location locally that accepts clothing and household items. Suggested locations include churches, community outreach centers or homeless shelters

### GET OTHERS INVOLVED

Work with your adult leaders and county extension agents to develop a plan for implementing a clothing drive. Get your project club, community club, or friends to participate.

### COLLECT GENTLY USED ITEMS

Collect clothing, shoes, accessories and/or textile-based household items.

### REPORT YOUR DONATIONS

Report your donation on the on-line reporting site. <http://bit.ly/2xRmjzL> or <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/clothing-textiles/>

### SHARE POSTS AND PHOTOS

Let everyone know about the service project! Use the following hashtags when posting: #Texas4-Hloveseco-fashion and #4-hfashion&InteriorDesign.

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According to the EPA the average American throws away about 81 pounds of clothing every year. While 95% of used textiles can be recycled, 85% end up in the trash. From 1999 to 2009, U.S. post-consumer textile waste grew by 40%. So-called "fast fashion" can bear some of the blame for America's stuffed closets by flooding the clothing markets with quick-turn around trends and cheap clothing.

BELOW ARE SOME RECYCLING IDEAS

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GO GREEN**  
DENIM RECYCLING

