Threadcycle

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for reuse or recycling

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Top Tips: How to Threadcycle

Each year, Seattle and King County residents and businesses throw away nearly 40,000 tons of clothes, shoes, linens, and other accessories. Up to 95 percent of these could have been reused, or recycled into new products such as wiping rags, carpet padding, or insulation material for automobiles and appliances.

Here are our top tips to ensure your clothes, shoes, and linens have a second life:

1. **Give ALL your clothes, shoes and linens – even the sadly torn and badly worn.** These items aren't garbage anymore – give it ALL for reuse or recycling.

2. **Give your single socks, shoes, gloves and other "orphan" items that are normally paired.** Collectors will happily take them.

3. **Many other items can be given in ANY condition, including stuffed animals, purses, belts, and other accessories.** For the full list, visit www.kingcounty.gov/threadcycle and click on *Acceptable items.*

4. **Know the exceptions to the rule: don't give items that are wet, mildewed, or soiled with hazardous materials.** These items can contaminate an entire load of usable items, or present a safety hazard.

5. **Know where to give—it's easy!** Collection options are easy to find and may be closer than you think. They include drop boxes, thrift stores, stationary collection trailers, scheduled pick-up, and special collection events. See the list of Threadcycle collection partners at www.kingcounty.gov/threadcycle.

6. **Clothes, shoes, and linens do NOT go into local curbside recycling carts**. These items can jam up machinery in traditional recycling facilities. (The exceptions to this are in Bellevue, Bothell, Burien, Carnation, Issaquah, Maple Valley, and SeaTac, which have special programs that take clothing at curbside following specific guidelines.)

7. **Buy Wisely.** You can save resources by purchasing quality, durable items in classic styles, supporting second hand stores, and buying only what you need.