



Textiles (and More) Recycling is Back!



The Town of Rochester has partnered with CMRK, a Massachusetts textile recycler, to provide textile recycling for town residents. The partnership with CMRK allows Rochester residents to meet the statewide ban on textiles in trash beginning November 1, 2022.

Under the ban if there are textiles in your trash the hauler can refuse to pick up your trash. The only exception to this rule is textiles that are wet/moldy or contaminated with oil. These textiles cannot be recycled and should be disposed of in the trash.

CMRK provides Rochester residents with two options for textile recycling: blue bin drop-off or home pickup.

- **Drop-off:** Textiles may be dropped off at the blue bins located at the Fire Department on Hartley Road or at the Town Barn on Ryder Road. Items placed in the blue bins must be in a tied plastic bag. Please do not leave items outside the bin. The bins will be monitored and CMRK will empty a full bin the next day. Please help keep the area clean.
- **Home Pickup:** To arrange for convenient home pickup of your textiles and household items:
 - Call CMRK at 508-466-4590
 - Email: pickups@cmrkne.com
 - Text: "PICKUP" to (508) 466-5690
 - Schedule online: www.cmrkne.com
- Items for home pickup should be bagged or boxed, clearly labeled and be visible from the road.

Textile and household items recycling benefits the town and Big Brother/Big Sister Foundation. Rochester receives a small stipend for items placed in the blue bins and Big Brother/Big Sister Foundation receives a contribution to operating expenses for items collected by home pickup.

What Can I Recycle?

Blue Bin Drop-off

Clothing

Shoes & Sneakers

Stuffed animals

Household Items:

- Blankets, towels, sheets, curtains

Accessories:

- Backpacks
- Belts
- Jewelry
- Gloves
- Ties
- Hats

Everything placed in a blue bin must be placed in a tied plastic bag.

Do not leave items outside of the blue bin.

Free Home Pickup

ALL the above plus:

- Housewares such as pots and pans, dishware, glassware
- Home décor
- Small toys – including hard plastic
- Puzzles
- Art
- Bicycles
- Musical instruments
- Books, DVD's, CD's, records

Updated information including lists of acceptable items, locations of Blue Bins, and contact information will always be available on the trash and recycling webpage at www.townofrochestermass.com/trash-recycling.

If you have any questions, please call the Town Hall at (508) 763-3871.