How to Manage Your Textiles Waste

Reduce

Avoid the need to use an item or materials in the first place. Benefit: nothing to manage, dispose of, or recycle.



Smart consumption

Make conscientious purchases and buy what you need. Consider the entire lifecycle of a product a product or materials: how it is designed and produced; what materials are used; what responsibility is the producer/retailer taking for the product; what are the options when I no longer want the product (can it be donated, reused, or recycled).

Reuse through rewear

Give an item or material another use, preferably in its current form and purpose. Purchase clothes from a vintage/thrift store or host a clothing exchange in your community!





Donate

Extend the life of a product or materials in its current form through donation. This delays disposal and recycling, and avoids productions inputs (materials and resources to make new materials).

Upcycle

Give new life to old material by transforming them into new clothes or accessories. Check out a DIY tutorial and get inspired to transform something like an old t-shirt into a reusable bag!





Repair

Extend the life of your clothes by repairing small damages: replace buttons, patch holes, and sew ripped seams.









