



# Free Clothing & Textile Recycling For Apartment Buildings



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#### What is refashionNYC?

**refashionNYC** is a free and convenient clothing donation and recycling service available to apartment, office, and commercial buildings.

The service is provided by the NYC Department of Sanitation and the nonprofit organization Housing Works.

#### Why Join?

Help New Yorkers. All proceeds from donations support the charitable mission of Housing Works to end the dual crises of homelessness and AIDS.

**Get tax deductions.** Tax receipts for up to \$250 are available directly on the bin.

#### Keep valuable materials from going to

landfills. Every year NYC residents throw away approximately 200,000 tons of clothing, towels, blankets, curtains, shoes, handbags, belts, and other textiles and apparel. That's nearly the weight of 900 Statues of Liberty!

#### What Happens to Donations?

Some donations are sold in Housing Works thrift shops throughout New York City.

Some items are donated to Haiti or sent to other nonprofit thrift shops. The rest are sold to a textile merchant for recycling or exported to overseas markets. **No donations are sent to landfills!** 

### How To Enroll

To receive a refashionNYC bin, complete an online inquiry form at **nyc.gov/refashion**.

#### Service Options

The refashionNYC donation bin is offered in two sizes:

Small (2' deep x 4' wide x 6' high) Large (3.5' deep x 4' wide x 6' high)

When the bin is full, request a pickup by contacting refashionNYC. Donations will be collected within five business days.



### **Recycle More!**

The NYC Department of Sanitation offers additional recycling services for residential apartment buildings with 10 or more units.

**Electronics: ecycleNYC (nyc.gov/ecycle)** provides eligible buildings with free bins and pickup service for responsible recycling. As of January 2015, it is illegal to discard electronics in the trash.

Food scraps: NYC Organics (nyc.gov/organics) provides eligible buildings with free brown organics bins and curbside collection of residents' food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard waste.

## **Items Accepted**





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