

Hey Norwood – Great job recycling textiles!

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Each year, Norwood residents recycle nearly 100,000 pounds of textiles by using 10 convenient drop-off boxes provided by Bay State Textiles. Not only does textile recycling reduce the town's collection and disposal costs, refunds are provided back to the Norwood Public Schools. Since October of 2014, over 399,000 pounds of textiles have been successfully recycled saving taxpayers nearly \$37,000 in solid waste disposal costs while providing the schools with over \$19,900 in refunds – a net gain to the Town of over \$56,000! That's wicked awesome.

The drop off boxes will take “the good, the bad, and the ugly” of textiles – just make sure they are clean and dry. To learn more about the program visit www.baystatetextiles.com

Do you ever wonder what happens to the good, the bad, and the ugly textiles?

- 45% is reused as its intended use (i.e. shoes, coats, hats, belts, etc.)
- 30% is turned into wiping clothes
- 20% is converted into fibers to be used in manufacturing other products such as carpet padding and insulation.
- 5% is contaminated and sent to waste.

Locations in Norwood

- Savage Center
- Oldham School
- Callahan School
- Prescott School
- Balch School
- Coakley Middle School
- Cleveland School
- Willett School
- Norwood High School
- Winter St Landfill (Saturdays 8 am – 1:30 pm)

