Sustainable Clothing, Fashion, and Textiles

Moving Out?

DONATE... DON'T DUMP!

Sustainability Starts With You
Use these tips to keep your clothes looking like new, reduce your utility/energy consumption, and repurpose your old clothes.

• Wash only full loads of laundry and use cold water
• Use eco-friendly laundry detergents
• Air or hang dry whenever possible
• Repurpose old clothes into usable products like cleaning cloths, bags, etc.
• Purchase from fair-trade and sustainable brands when you buy new clothing/textiles
• Choose clothes with natural fabrics
• Shop at consignment stores like Plato’s Closet
• Pass your clothes on to friends or donate them to a charitable organization or store

Donate, Don’t Dump!
The Department of Residence Life is partnering with Goodwill to provide you a place to donate your unwanted clothes, rugs, décor, furniture and non-perishable food items during move-out. Don’t dump it in the waste bin when you can give it a second life with someone else.

Donation centers will be set up May 4-10. Locations will be announced on Res Life social media.

Orgs that Host Clothing Drives

• Sophomores Leading & Motivating (SLAM)
  o Hosted a clothing drive in the spring
• Aggie Rotaract
  o Hosted Thanksgiving Clothing drive

Quick Facts

• Fast fashion is an approach to the design, creation, & marketing of clothing that emphasizes making trends quickly and cheaply available to consumers. This results in excess textile waste and an increase in water usage.
• EPA estimates textile waste makes up 5% of ALL landfill space in the U.S.
• 85% of all post-consumer textile waste ends up in landfills while only 15% is recycled
• The average US citizen will throw out 70-80 lbs. of clothing/textiles each year
• Synthetic cloth can take 100s of years to decompose
• Approximately 95% of all textiles can be recycled
• By using recycled cotton, manufacturers can save 20,000 liters of water per kilogram cotton

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Events in April*:
April 9-13 – Shack-A-Thon in Rudder Plaza
April 18-19 – The 12th Can Food Pantry open in Mail Services Building (Office 119)
April 19 – Aggies for Charity: Water Gala in MSC Bethancourt Ballroom
April 21 – Jubilee by The PB&J Project at Sue Haswell Memorial Park