



FACT SHEET

The WNY Coalition for Donated Goods (WNYCDG) is a consortium of nonprofit organizations. The mission of WNYCDG is to educate the community on the environmental and economic benefits of recycling and donating goods and provide easy access to donation opportunities.

WHY DROP OFF YOUR CLOTHES FOR REUSE AND RECYCLING?

Many items we throw away every day have the potential to be reused for their original purposes or for new ones. Reuse allows you to get the most out of the products you buy and saves you money as well. Additionally, reusing products conserves natural resources and saves valuable landfill space. Clothing can be reused again and again. When it becomes unwearable, donations centers can sell the material and use the proceeds on local programming.

HOW ARE CLOTHES REUSED?

- Primarily resold at stores.
- Materials that is not re-sold is baled and shipped offset for re-use.
- WNYCDG ensures that 100% of your donation are benefitting a local non-profit organization!

WHAT ARE SPECIFIC MATERIALS RECYCLED INTO?

- Stuffed toys and pillows become car seat stuffing and automobile insulation.
- T-shirts, sheets towels, and clothing become wiping cloths.
- Denim becomes home insulation.
- Shoe soles become paving material.
- Sweaters and coats become carpet padding.
- Curtains and drapes become stuffing for pillows, sleeping bags and animal beds.
- Wool sweaters and materials become baseball and softball filling.
- Velvet fabric scraps become paper money.

PLEASE VISIT www.city-buffalo.com/reuse for a list of donation sites near you!

