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# Media Release

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## **Donation Bins Return to Landfill and Compost Facility**

**Clothing and Textiles are not trash in Prince William County**

**Prince William, VA, July 27, 2022**--The Prince William County Landfill and Balls Ford Road Compost Facility now have clothing, shoes, and textiles donation bins in the convenience center area. The donation bins are accessible during the facilities' normal hours of operation.

The revitalized program is a partnership with ReClothing, LLC dba Helpsy, which has been in business for more than 15 years. It is the largest textile collection company in the Northeast and operates in 11 states including SC, VA, MD, DE, PA, NY, NJ, CT, MA, NH, and VT.

According to the Helpsy website, 85% of clothes wind up in the trash! However, 95% of all clothing, shoes and other textiles can be given a second life. Fifty percent (50%) are reusable, 45% are recyclable. In fact, 10% of our landfills are textiles. That's 81 pounds per person, per year the sites states. So, donation bins at the convenience centers are a great way to extend the life of the landfill. This partnership also generates revenue for the county, supports a charitable cause and helps the environment.

Residents can put a variety of items in the bins. Anything that someone can wear, sleep in or dry off with, can be donated—clothing, footwear, linens. In addition, apparel accessories, luggage and stuffed animals can also be donated. A complete list is available on the Solid Waste Division Reduce and Reuse [webpage](#).

Additional information about donation options and reuse alternatives in the community and other Solid Waste Division programs are available at [www.pwcva.gov/trashandrecycling](http://www.pwcva.gov/trashandrecycling).

