



Change your Clothes, Change the World

Recycle for Change works to mobilize people and resources to support important sustainable development in the poorest parts of the world, and at the same time to preserve our planet's resources through the promotion of textile recycling.

We provide an opportunity for people to drop off their surplus clothing to be re-used, through collection boxes placed at publicly accessible locations throughout California. The clothing is collected, packed and sold; generating money for the training of volunteers who take part in sustainable development work in Africa, Central and South America.

At Recycle for Change we believe that in order to secure a healthy and prosperous future for all people, we must protect and preserve our planet's natural resources and foster cooperation across cultures.

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Recycle for Change is a nonprofit organization collecting second hand clothes in the Greater Bay Area. We own and operate all our collection boxes. We donate all the net proceeds generated by our operation to organizations engaged in community based sustainable development work in the US and abroad. These organizations are making a real difference in peoples lives. To learn more about our programs visit

www.recycleforchange.org

Frequently asked questions:

Q: Are the boxes safe?

- Yes. Our boxes are made of heavy steel
- They are equipped with a secure and anti-theft locking system and are also fireproof
- As an added protection we carry liability insurance on all our boxes

Q: How much does it cost to host a box?

- There is no charge for hosting a box

Q: How often are the boxes emptied?

- All our boxes are emptied as often as necessary, some locations are attended to on a daily basis
- Emergency pick-ups are made within 24 hours of contacting us

Q: If I change my mind, will you remove the box?

- Yes, just give us a call

Q: How big is your box?

- Our boxes have a 3'X4' footprint and are 6'8' tall, approximately the size of a vending machine

Q: Are the donations made to Recycle for Change tax deductible?

- Yes, we can provide you with a tax deductible receipt upon request

Q: Why should I host a collection box?

- It helps to recycle textiles, showing that you care about your community and the environment
- 4 out of 7 people will choose to shop at a business that hosts a donation box over one that does not
- Be a part of supporting important community based sustainable development work accross the US and abroad
- Most municipalities in the U.S. do not offer textile recycling, so making our box conveniently accessible for people to use helps keep recyclable materials out of the local landfills
- Help create local jobs

“Working with Recycle for Change educates our residents on the importance of recycling, and creates awareness about the significance of diverting textiles from landfills.”

- Barbara Smith

Acting Executive Director
San Francisco Housing Authority

