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Bay State Textiles Program vs Curbside Collection Program

Below are thoughts to consider when implementing a textile recycling program.

Bay State Textiles Program:

- Over 25 years of industry experience.
- No start up costs for schools or municipalities.
- \$100 per ton generated for school community.
- An educational opportunity for students.
- Allows for anonymity when discarding personal textile items.
- 24/7 access 365 days a year, offering convenience to the residents.
- Tracking of weights with weekly reporting.
- Massachusetts based company, creating jobs in the local and global economy.
- Collection equipment protects the unwanted textiles on their journey to a second life.

Curbside Recycling:

- Unproven business model.
- Less rebate for the town.
- Accuracy of tonnage data in question.
- Contamination factors unknown.
- Potential issue of theft. Curbside waste hauling welcomes pickers, scrapers etc. There is already an issue with theft in the textile industry, leaving items curbside will provide an open invitation for free textiles.
- Possible increase of carbon footprint.
- Who is doing the pick up?
 - Town? What are the real costs?
 - Third party collector? Have they been properly vetted?

Articles on illegal scavenging of recyclables:

[Waste hauler warns of illegal scavenging of recyclables](#)

[STEALING RECYCLING'S FUTURE](#)

[New York City Fights Scavengers Over a Treasure: Trash](#)