

Glastonbury Adds Location For Textile Recycling



Trailers similar to this one have been set up at both the town's transfer station and bulky waste facilities. (Baystate Recyclables)

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GLASTONBURY — The town has added another location for its textile recycling program.

Residents can bring textile items like bed sheets, hats and slippers to the town's bulky waste facility in addition to the recycling center at the town's transfer station. The town — through its participation in the Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority — has entered into an agreement with Bay State Textiles of Pembroke, Mass. The company will pay the town \$100 per ton of textiles recycled.

Items that can be recycled there include footwear, clothing, accessories, linens and stuffed animals. Items include bed sheets, pillow cases, blankets, comforters, belts, boots, coats, curtains, draperies, dresses, flip-flops, hats, jackets, jeans, jerseys, pajamas, pants, purses, shirts, shoes, shorts, skirts, slippers, socks, stuffed animals, suits, sweaters, sweatpants, sweatshirts, table linens, ties, T-shirts and undergarments.

According to the company, more than 21 billion pounds of textiles are thrown away each year in the United States. The company noted that 45 percent of that could be reused or sold to other countries, 30 percent can be turned into wiping cloths for industries and 20 percent can be turned into new items.

The town estimated it would receive \$10,000 annually from the recycling company. The bulky waste facility is located at 1145 Tryon St. Residents will need a permit to use the facility.