

# the secret double life of donated textiles

NEARLY **100%** OF DONATED TEXTILES ARE RECYCLED! They are separated into three grades:

**45%**  
USABLE CLOTHING



**20%**  
FIBER CONVERSION GRADE



**30%**  
WIPING CLOTH GRADE



Recycled fiber products **SAVE MONEY and RESOURCES** by using existing materials.



## CLOSING THE LOOP

Recycled cloth rags use **LESS WATER, LESS ENERGY** and create a **LOWER CARBON FOOTPRINT** than all other alternatives.



The second hand clothing market provides **AFFORDABLE CLOTHING** to those in need and **ENCOURAGES GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP.**



### SECOND LIFE ...



stained t-shirt → wiping cloth



lone sock → pillow stuffing



old denim → household insulation



teddy bear



→ car seat stuffing



torn bath towel →



wiping cloth



SECONDARY MATERIALS<sup>®</sup>  
AND RECYCLED TEXTILES

The Association of Wiping Materials, Used Clothing and Fiber Industries

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