

# VILLAGE *of* PALATINE

## Textile Recycling FAQ's

### **What is Textile Recycling?**

The textile recycling program provides free year-round textile collection via a reservation system. Recyclables are placed in a bag or box outside the resident's front door at the designated reservation time. This program is free and waste haulers are ok with the program because it keeps textiles out of their recycling facilities.

Residents may request a pickup via Simple Recycling's [website](https://simplerecycling.com/) (<https://simplerecycling.com/>) or via their phone number (866-835-5068).

### **When does textile recycling start in Palatine?**

Monday March 28, 2022

### **How do I make a reservation?**

Simple Recycling's [website](https://simplerecycling.com/) (<https://simplerecycling.com/>) or by calling the phone number (866-835-5068). On the website, you will select "Schedule a Free Pickup" and select "Illinois" as your state. Then enter your Palatine zip code. Bags should be placed outside your front door before 7:30am.

### **Does textile recycling run through the winter?**

Yes, it is an all-year long program.

### **What do I place my textile in? A box or....?**

Any box or bag of your choosing and placed outside near your front door.



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## **How much does it cost to participate?**

Nothing. It is a free service.

## **Is there a limit to how many pickups I can do in a year?**

No, there is no limit.

## **How do I contact Simple Recycling?**

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## **What materials are accepted?**

Simple Recycling will accept the following materials of individual weight less than fifty (50) pounds and able to be carried by one person: men's, women's and children's clothing as well as items such as jewelry, shoes, purses, hats, toys, pictures, mirrors, blankets, drapes and curtains, pillows, rags, sewing scraps, sleeping bags, small furniture, small appliances, irons, radios and audio equipment, cameras, lamps, hairdryers, tools, toasters, microwaves, coffee makers, silverware, dishes, pots and pans, glasses and the like.

## **What does the Village get out of this?**

Palatine would realize some cost savings, since the Village's waste hauling contract with Groot is based partly on volume. The more volume diverted from landfills by recycling, the less the Village pays for service. The Village will collect a small revenue stream from Simple Recycling based upon participation.

## **What if I live in a condominium with one front entrance/lobby/door?**

Unfortunately, Simple Recycling can only pickup at single family homes at this time.

## **What happens to the collected items?**

All of the materials are graded and sorted locally and/or regionally based on quality and condition. The top-quality materials will be resold to local thrift outlets, while mid-grade materials will be exported to international markets. "Unusable" items will be processed for raw materials.

## **What other towns have this program?**

Other Chicago-area communities that Simple Recycling serves include Elgin, Mount Prospect, Hanover Park, Skokie, Niles, Northbrook, Villa Park, Hoffman Estates, Barrington, Tinley Park and Elk Grove Village.

## **Where can I find more information?**

On the Village's website: <https://www.palatine.il.us/864/Textile-Recycling> or on Simple Recycling's website: <https://simplerecycling.com/>