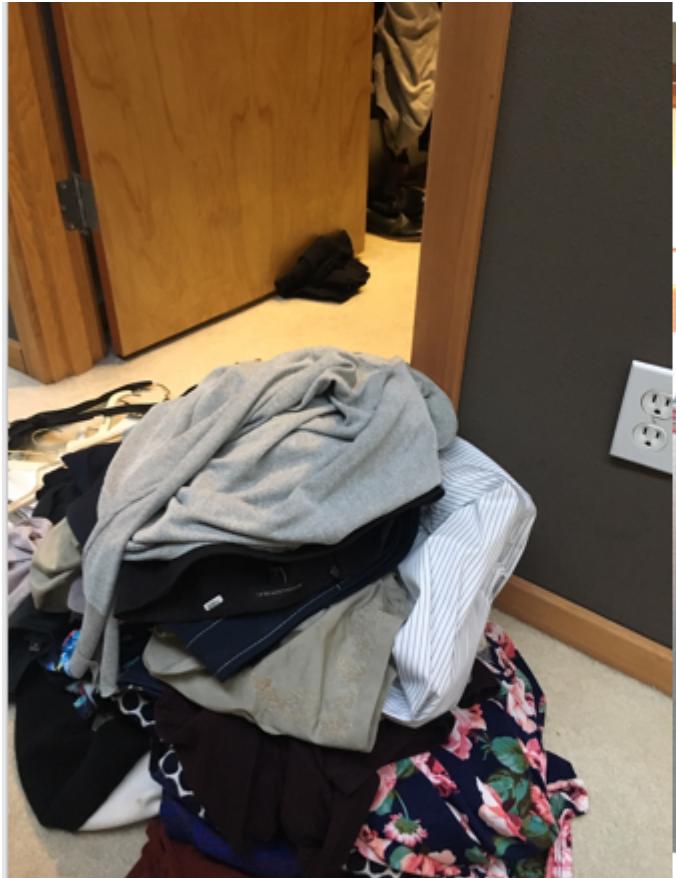


Sorting and Organizing



- Got my husband to also sort through his stuff. He has some really worn undershirts that are rag quality but my upcycle rag bag is pretty full still. I would usually just toss but would love to do something?
- While it might not look like it I also try to be aware of what I buy too and use things like Rent the Runway or Le Tote and not just buy a bunch of junk.

Cleaned out closets, now what?



- So many choices, can be overwhelming I like to break it down into
 - Gift (e.g. buy nothing)
 - Consign (e.g. ThredUp, because its online and I don't have to go anywhere, make a trip)
 - I have done local consignment but really just don't have time and find process frustrating
 - Donate
 - Usually I use Goodwill just because its not too far and habit
 - Upcycle/mend etc
 - Patch pants, elbows, repurpose into rags or alteration/sew (granted I have a mend pile that needs attention)
 - I have even made dog beds out of scraps but it just takes up space, clutter
 - Then there is the rest (garbage ? but would love to recycle!)
- But I worry about burdening Goodwill with items that they can't resell and then have to pay to dispose of..... I have seen the news stories about the expense they bear and don't want to be part of the problem....

Gift



- People ask in BN group, go to the piles or closet, take a look for items
- Clothes are passed along
- Request to borrow or share clothing like specific coats/formal wear
- Takes me time to sort it out and some extra effort but I know it is appreciated and would rather gift to a neighbor than do consignment.
- This does mean that what I ultimately donate is more worn or lower quality, which again, worries/bothers me

Sorting!

- There is the ThredUp bag – I am not looking to make money, just simplify cleaning/organizing
- Interestingly, while I was sorting and organizing my piles, a commercial came on
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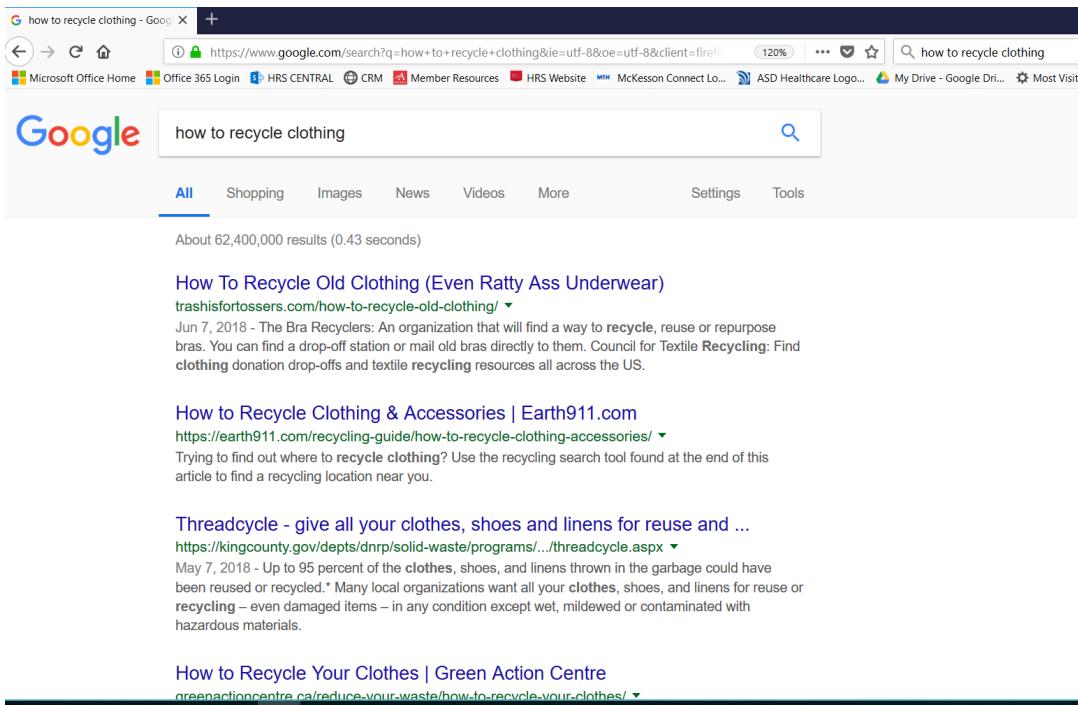


Garbage?



- I am also a sewer/quilter so I make a lot of fabric scraps and save and use what I can but there is always some that are just too small for me and I lack room to store. I would love to recycle this but usually just bag up and throw away? Its frustrating but at least I know I tried to use as much as possible to not waste.
- In the photo you can see where I patched a pair of my son's pants, TWICE and they really are just rag quality now (wouldn't want to pass them along) but fabric is not that absorbent so garbage or can I recycle.... .hmmmm, let me go research.....

How to recycle clothing



- Start with Google!
- Click on first link, because
 - It's listed first
 - Uses term 'ratty ass underwear', which is in the pile....

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Council for Textile Recycling. It features a large image of folded clothing with the text "WEAR. DONATE. RECYCLE". Below this, there are two main sections: "ISSUE" (5% of textile waste occupies nearly 5% of all landfill space) and "SOLUTION" (85% of textile waste is diverted from landfills). A central call-to-action button says "FIND A LOCATION NOW".



The screenshot shows the "MEDIA / LEARNING CENTER" section of the website. It includes a sidebar with links to "ABOUT CTR" (Overview, Board of Directors, The Issue, The Life Cycle of Secondhand Clothing, Media / Learning Center, Awards), "MEDIA / LEARNING CENTER" (Media, Members Only Resource Center), and a main content area with news items from Yahoo News (Dec. 31, 2011) and Apparel News (Jan. 17, 2012).

The screenshot shows the results of a search for recycling locations near Seattle, WA. The search found 10 matches within 10 miles of 98144. The results are listed in a table with columns for rank, name, address, view map, and more info. A map of Seattle is shown on the left, with pins indicating the locations.

Rank	Name	Address	View Map	More Info
1	Goodwill	1400 South Dearborn Street Seattle, WA. 98144 US	View Map	More Info
2	Goodwill	1765 6th Avenue South Seattle, WA. 98134 US	View Map	More Info
3	Goodwill Industries International, Inc	4552 University Way Northeast Seattle, WA. 98105 US	View Map	More Info
4	Goodwill	1031 South West 128th Street Seattle, WA. 98148 US	View Map	More Info

- This seems like a legit, informed site except last media updates were 2012?
- I love infographics, but not sure what to do next
- So I looked for a location near me and it says the Goodwill on Dearborn? Hmm, now I am confused....

Fabrics and Clothing Zero Waste

https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/zero_waste_boxes/fabrics-and-clothing

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HOW IT WORKS ACCEPTED WASTE

TerraCycle has created a zero waste solution for fabrics and clothing. Use this box to recycle any textile or fabric based products including clothing.

Small box	Medium box	Large box	Pallet
\$103.00	\$190.00	\$313.00	\$994.00

BUY NOW

Bra Recycling Month



Join Our BRAVOlution! Recycle Your Bras In October!

October is traditionally dedicated to Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Awareness. In an effort to support these powerful causes, The Bra Recyclers wanted to offer women and men nationwide the opportunity to support these causes in a 'green' way-by recycling gently used or unused bras.

Bra Recycling is an economical and environmentally friendly way to assist families worldwide that are survivors of cancer, domestic violence, human trafficking or life's everyday challenges. The U.S. citizen throws away 70 lbs. of clothing each year, but 95% of textiles, worn or torn, can be recycled and donated to families in transition.

Join our BRA-volution and help us exceed our goal of collecting 25,000 bras during October!

Recycle your bras during October will include:

- Interesting but too spendy, seems more community oriented?

- <https://www.barecycling.com/bra-recycling-month>
- Not mailing worn out bras to Arizona....

Ok, back to Google for something more specific to Seattle

A screenshot of a Google search results page. The search query "how to recycle clothing" is entered in the search bar. The results are filtered by "All". There are approximately 62,400,000 results found in 0.43 seconds. The first result is a link to "How To Recycle Old Clothing (Even Ratty Ass Underwear)" from trashisfortossers.com. The second result is a link to "How to Recycle Clothing & Accessories | Earth911.com" from https://earth911.com. The third result is a link to "Threadcycle - give all your clothes, shoes and linens for reuse and ..." from https://kingcounty.gov. The fourth result is a link to "How to Recycle Your Clothes | Green Action Centre" from greenactioncentre.ca.

- Either local and not far from my home drop off to recycle (not donate) OR mail in option (yeah, I know fossil fuels.....)
- Wait, #3 on the list King County... time to click

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/programs/ecoconsumer/threadcycle/where-to-give>. The page is titled "Where to give". It features a sidebar with links to "King County EcoConsumer", "Threadcycle", "Why donate?", "Acceptable items", "Where to give" (which is highlighted in green), and "What happens to items I give?". The main content area displays a table of collection sites:

Organization / Business	Drop-off	Home Pick-up
Big Brothers Big Sisters Puget Sound	Yes Find a drop box	Value Village partner Schedule a pick-up
Goodwill (South King, Pierce & Thurston counties)	Yes Find a drop box	Yes Find a store Schedule a pick-up
Northwest Center	Yes Find a drop box	Value Village partner Find a store Yes Schedule a pick-up 800-992-2060
The Salvation Army	Yes Find a drop box	Yes Find a store Yes Schedule a pick-up 1-800-SATRUCK

- What?! Schedule a pick up?
Nice.
- Wait, clicked the Goodwill link it and read and its not really an option, free if you have furniture etc. Grr.
- Scrolling, Salvation army is an option, I know there is one close to me down by SODO/Stadiums. (off to investigate their pick up option)

Score!

The screenshot shows the homepage of The Salvation Army Family Store. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'WAYS WE HELP', 'WAYS YOU CAN HELP', and 'ABOUT US'. Below this is a search bar labeled 'Zip Search'. The main headline reads 'IT'S NEVER BEEN EASIER TO DONATE GOODS.' Below the headline are two main options: 'FIND A DROP-OFF LOCATION' and 'SCHEDULE A FREE PICKUP'. Under 'FIND A DROP-OFF LOCATION', there's a form with a 'ZIP Code' input field and a 'GO' button. Under 'SCHEDULE A FREE PICKUP', there's a form with a '98144' input field and a 'GO' button. To the right of these forms is a progress bar with steps 1-8, where step 5 is highlighted. Step 5 is labeled 'DONA' with a green arrow pointing to 'UR INFO' and 'THANK YOU!'. Below this is a large button labeled 'SCHEDULE A PICKUP' with a red icon. At the bottom of the page is a 'THANK YOU!' section containing a message about pickup confirmation and sharing on Facebook. It also includes a 'Share' button and a date field showing 'Tuesday, 10/30/2018'.

- Created an account and scheduled a pick up for some items with Salvation arm.
- Took 3 minutes!
- This is amazing and a big advantage over Goodwill.
 - If in fact it is real....
 - I am no feeling confident that they could take the 'garbage' fabric pile or sewing scraps though.... I split the difference and put in the clothing but not fabric scraps. I would love to know more or have a bag to clearly denote what should be recycled vs. resell. Seems like this would help out the nonprofit/organization too?

Progress

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