



Reduce-Reuse-Recycle

Talking Points

- Brief bio of; Paul Curry, Bay State Textiles, and P.R. Textile Recycling.
- What are post consumer textiles?
- The Problem.
- The Solution.
- The Challenges.
 - Front End (collections)
 - Back End (markets)

Brief History

- 25 years of industry experience.
- 1992 started exporting second hand clothing to Japan.
- 2005 founded Bay State Textiles Inc.
 - Currently operates warehouses in MA, and CT servicing 150 municipalities.
- 2014 founded P.R. Textile Recycling LLC.
 - Currently servicing 18 municipalities with 380 collection boxes.

What are post consumer textiles?



Acceptable Items for Recycling

All of the following can be donated in any condition as long as it's clean and dry:

Footwear:

Shoes	Boots	Sneakers
Heels	Work Boots	Cleats
Pumps	Dress Boots	Slippers
Sandals	Winter Boots	Flip Flops

Clothing:

Tops	Pants	Undergarments
Sweaters	Jeans	Socks
Sweatshirts	Sweatpants	T-Shirts
Dresses	Skirts	Slips
Tank Tops	Shorts	Pajama's
Blazers	Slacks	Coats

Accessories:

Hats	Gloves	Scarfs
Pocketbooks	Duffle Bags	Totes
Belts	Ties	Bathrobes

Linens:

Sheets	Pillows	Comforters
Blankets	Dish Towels	Throw Rugs
Draperies	Table linens	Placemats

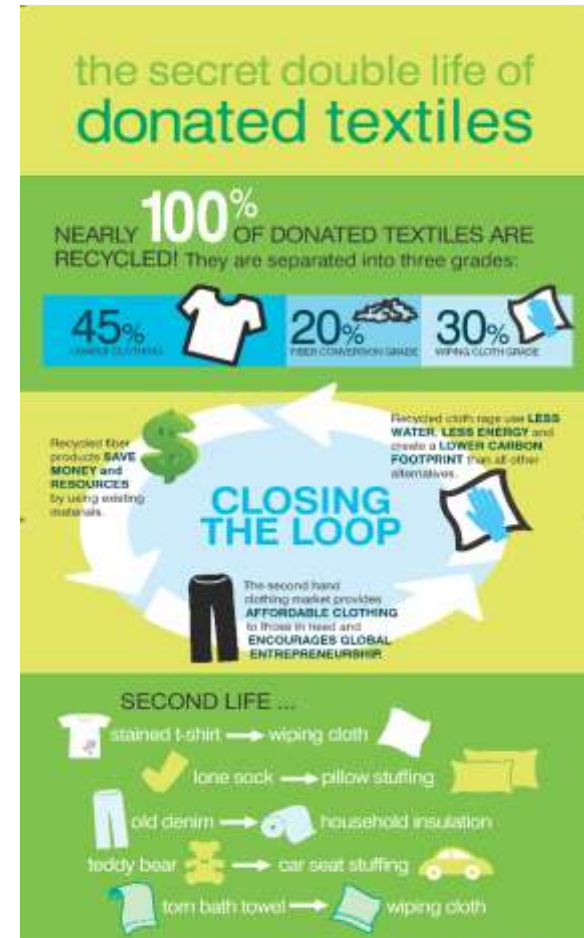
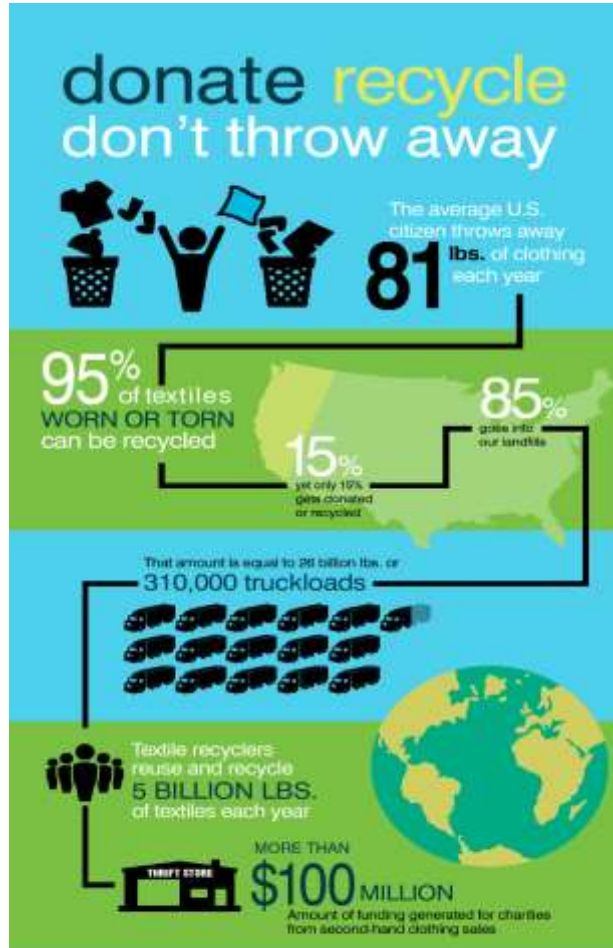
Stuffed Animals

In any condition, 95% of all textiles can be recycled or reused
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****Items NOT Accepted: Mattresses, Couch Cushions, Lawn Furniture Cushions, Foam Products (mattress pads, etc.), Carpet Remnants, Rugs (larger than 2' x 4')

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The Problem=Opportunity



Environmental Impact

why recycle textiles?

CLOTHING AND TEXTILE RECYCLING HAS MAJOR IMPACT ON REDUCING GREENHOUSE GASSES



2 million tons
of textiles are recycled
each year in the U.S.

That is equivalent to removing
1 MILLION CARS
from America's highways



HOW DOES THIS COMPARE TO OTHER RECYCLABLES?



**GO
FIGURE**

DONATE, RECYCLE, DON'T THROW AWAY!
According to the EPA, textile recycling has a major impact on reducing greenhouse gasses. **And yet ... clothing is not typically considered a recyclable.** While 2 million tons are recycled each year, there is a long, long way to go!

The P.R. Textile Recycling solution for Puerto Rico.



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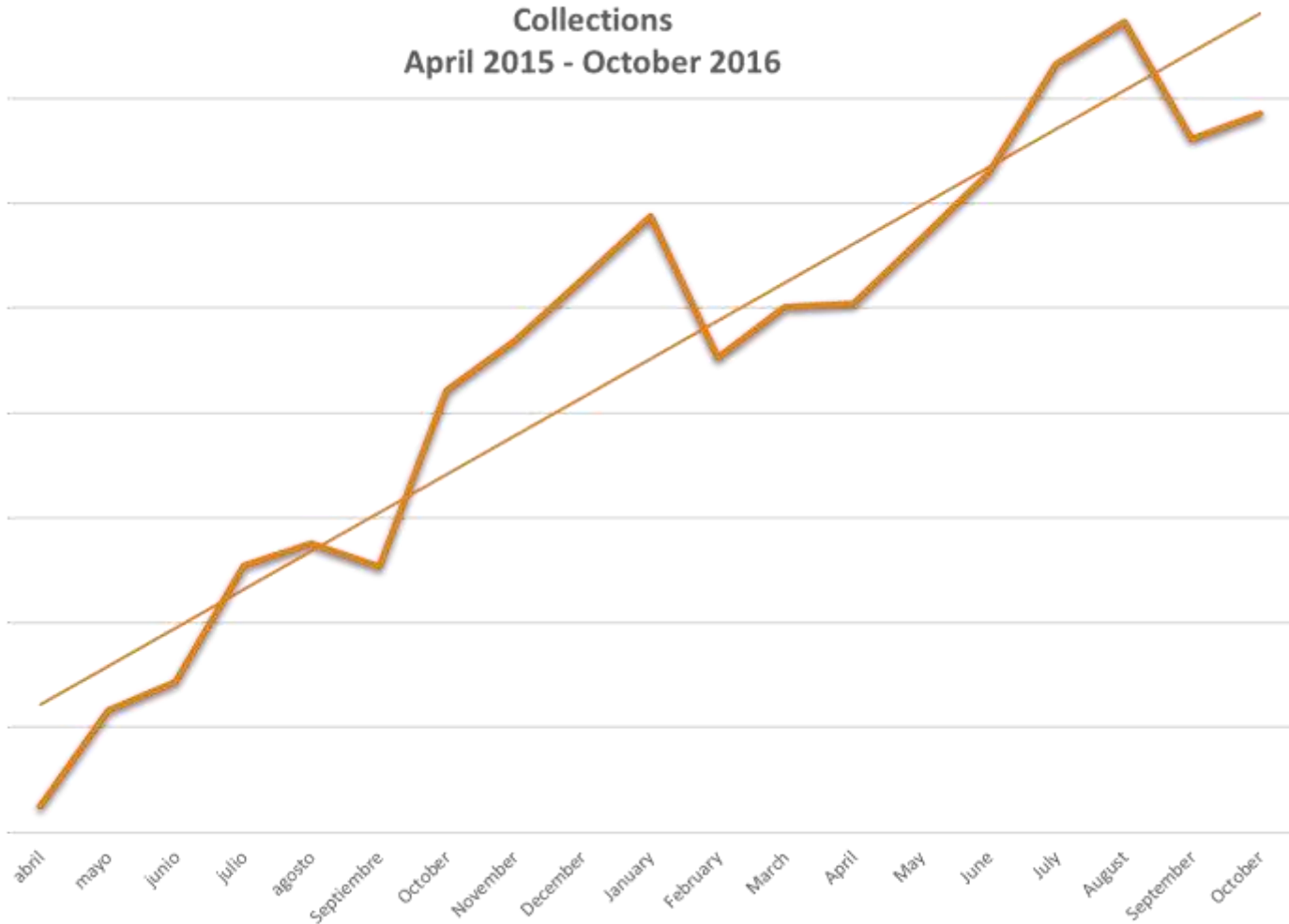
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P.R. Textile growth since April 2015

Collections
April 2015 - October 2016



“The Markets”



Everyday issues effecting export markets.

- Currencies
- Competition
- Trade regulations
- Global politics
- Financial health of global economies.
- Quality of supply

- EAC proposed ban on import of used clothing

East African Community
Kenya, Tanzania,
Uganda,
Burundi, and Rwanda.

Very large market with significant implications
if ban takes place.

Combined population:
153 million people.

Current value of used clothing imports:
300 million.

Employment:
10's of thousands.

Entrepreneurship:
1000's of micro entrepreneurs.



Additional Information.

- Websites:
 - Prtextilerecycling.com
 - Baystatetextiles.com
 - SMARTASN.org