



Bennington County Regional Commission

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Recycling Clothing, Shoes and Other Textiles



All of us have used clothing that would find a better use than simply putting it out with the trash. Acceptable textiles can include clothing (shirts, dresses, pajamas, ties, etc.), belts, shoes, blankets, comforters, pillows, quilts, table cloths, stuffed animals and even pet beds. The key is that these materials need to be clean and odor free, so no oily rags or other materials that might be difficult to recycle or that would contaminate other clothing. Local organizations such as churches and civic groups often hold events to collect clothing. Check the papers and listings for opportunities.

In Bennington County, and nearby, **Goodwill Industries** (www.goodwill-berkshires.com) of the Berkshires, Inc., serves Berkshire County Massachusetts and Southern Vermont at the following locations:

Bennington, Vermont

215 North St. (Rt. 7), Bennington VT 05201

Phone: (802) 442-4285

Store Hours: Mon-Sat 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM : Sun 12 Noon - 6:00 PM

Donation Drop-off Center: Yes

North Adams, Massachusetts

166 State St., North Adams MA 01247

Phone (413) 749-8999

Store Hours: Mon-Sat 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM; Sun 12 Noon - 6:00 PM

Boutique Department: Yes

Donation Drop-off Center: Yes

They also have collections at:

Williamstown, MA

David & Joyce Milne Public Library, 1095 Main St
2nd, 3rd Sunday each month 10am - 2pm

Williamstown Elementary School, 115 Church St

1st Sunday each month 10am - 2pm



Planet Aid is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that collects and recycles used clothes and shoes and supports international development projects. They have collection boxes across the United States including in Bennington County. Planet Aid supports community-based projects that improve health, increase income, aid vulnerable children, train teachers, and enhance the overall quality of life across the globe. Check their website: <http://www.planetaid.org/>. 17 Hampshire Dr., Hudson, NH 03051 603-594-4175 nhinfo@planetaid.org

The following are Planet Aid drop box locations, but check their website as locations may change:

Site Name	Address	City
South Gate Motel	767 Route 7 South	Bennington, VT
D's Market & Deli	1404 East Road	Bennington, VT
River Street Variety	138 River Street	Bennington, VT
Mag's Market	510 South Street	Bennington, VT
Green Mountain Dry Cleaners	256 Benmont Ave	Bennington, VT
Iron Kettle Motel	1838 Route 7A	Shaftsbury, VT
Northshire Transfer Station	Tennis Court Way	Dorset, VT
Bennington Transfer Station	904 Houghton Rd.	Bennington, VT
Sunderland Transfer Station	4561 Sunderland Rd.	Sunderland, VT

In Manchester, ***Manchester Health Services***, Manchester Center, VT, an adjunct of Manchester Health Service, and staffed by volunteers, has a Thrift Shop that provides a community service and supplements Agency income. Donations of clean clothing and small household items are always welcome and may be dropped off in the donation room located in the rear of the building. Contact them at 802-362-2126

5468 Main Street
PO Box 1224
Manchester Center, VT 05255 (802) 362-2126
Donations accepted 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM