



MASSACHUSETTS TEXTILE RECOVERY 2025 TEXTILE DATA FACT SHEET

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MassDEP has been collecting tonnage data from municipalities, and textile recovery vendors since the Textile Waste Ban went into effect in 2022. Below is a summary of the data collected from 2025.

TONNAGES RECOVERED BY TEXTILE RECOVERY ORGANIZATIONS

MassDEP contacted some of the largest textile recovery organizations operating in Massachusetts to request their annual tonnages collected. This data helps us measure the impacts of the textile waste ban through the progress reported statewide. **In 2025, an estimated 49,878 tons of textiles were collected by 18 different vendors in MA.**

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textiles collected
in 2025!**

- Overall, there was a 2% decrease in textile tonnage collected from 2024 to 2025.
 - There was a 9% increase from 2023 to 2024.
- 18 vendors reported tonnages in 2025.
 - 12 of these vendors reported an increase in the tonnage they collected since 2024.
 - 6 vendors reported a decrease in the tonnage collected since 2024.

Note: This is not representative of all textiles recovered statewide but serves as a barometer of progress from the largest recovery organizations operating in Mass.

TONNAGES RECOVERED BY MUNICIPALITIES

**8,657 tons of
textiles diverted
from the
municipal waste
stream in 2025!**

Through the 2025 Municipal Recycling and Solid Waste Survey issued by MassDEP, municipalities across the state report annual program data, including textile recovery. Of the 352 municipalities in MA, 231 reported textile tonnages. These cities and towns reported a total of **8,657 tons collected in 2025, an increase from the 8,122 tons that were reported for 2024.**

Municipalities collect textiles in a variety of ways: the data below reflects the different collection methods reported to MassDEP by 86% out of the 352 municipalities in MA.

- 80% reported a **drop off** textile collection program in their municipality.
- 3% reported a **curbside** textile collection program in their municipality.
- 17% reported having **both** a drop off and a curbside textile collection program in their municipality.
- In addition to these modes of collection, 30% of municipalities also reported hosting a **one-day collection event**.

For more information about these tonnages and collection mechanisms, please refer to [Textiles by the Numbers on MassDEP's website](#).

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