

# donate **recycle** don't throw away



The average U.S. citizen throws away  
**70 lbs.** of clothing  
each year

**95%** of textiles  
**WORN OR TORN**  
can be recycled

yet only  
**15%**  
gets donated or recycled

**85%**  
[70 lbs. per person]  
goes to our  
landfills

That amount is equal to  
**21 BILLION LBS.**  
or 260,000 truckloads



SMART members recycle  
**3.8 BILLION LBS.**  
of textiles each year



**\$100** MILLION

Amount of funding generated for charities  
from second-hand clothing sales



The Association of Wiping Materials, Used Clothing and Fiber Industries

**SECONDARY MATERIALS<sup>®</sup>  
AND RECYCLED TEXTILES**

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