

# Fast Facts on Textile Waste

- Fashion drives 8% of global climate pollution
- Every second, a garbage truck of textiles is landfilled or burned
- Californians toss 1.2 million tons of textiles a year (3% of our waste)
- One polyester laundry load can shed 700,000 microplastics

## California's Solution: Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

Holding industry accountable for textile waste, producers must:

- Fund and operate a statewide collection and management program
- Invest in reuse and repair
- Report results
- Pay fees that reward better design for reuse, repair, and recyclability

In the coming years, producers must provide convenient drop-off options in every California county.

# A Smarter System for Textiles

Less Waste.  
More Repair, Reuse,  
and Recycling.

California's Responsible  
Textile Recovery Act



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# California's Textile Stewardship Program

What You Need  
to Know



## Textile Stewardship Program Requirements

Under the Responsible Textile Recovery Act (SB 707, Newman, Chapter 864, Statutes of 2024), producers must:

- Ensure collected textiles are reused, repaired, or recycled
- Provide incentives and grants for reuse, repair, and recycling infrastructure
- Minimize environmental and health impacts across the supply chain (water use, plastic pollution, harmful chemicals)

### Covered Textiles and Apparel Include:

- Clothing/Accessories
- Curtains
- Fabric window coverings
- Knitted and woven accessories
- Towels
- Tapestries
- Tablecloths and napkins
- Blankets, linens, and pillows

See PRC sections 42984.3 (a), (i), and (ae).

## Who Must Comply?

Producers of covered textiles and apparel must form and join a producer responsibility organization (PRO), an organization composed of producers that oversees and manages the program.

See PRC section 42984.4.

## PRO Responsibilities

### Summary of duties:

- Educate the public on proper textile management
- Conduct a statewide needs assessment (and update every 5 years)
- Set fees for producers and collect funds to administer the program
- Submit annual brand lists of covered products
- Develop and implement a program plan
- Meet performance standards
- Submit annual reports and maintain records
- Conduct annual financial audit
- Develop a contingency plan
- Report producer noncompliance to CalRecycle

See PRC sections 42984.6 to 42984.18.

## Implementation Timeline

### January 2026:

PRO applications due

### March 2026:

CalRecycle approves a PRO

### July 2026:

Producers join PRO by July 1

### March 2027:

PRO completes initial needs assessment

### July 2028:

CalRecycle adopts regulations (effective date no earlier than July 1, 2028)



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