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# PRESS RELEASE

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### For Immediate Release

#### Tyngsborough to Partner with HELPSY for Curbside Textile Pick Up

Tyngsborough, Massachusetts- Town Administrator Matthew Hanson announced today that effective October 1, 2021, the Town of Tyngsborough will partner with HELPSY to offer free curbside pick-up of clothing and household textiles to residents. Pickups will happen weekly. Residents can schedule their pickup online by visiting [helpsy.co/tyngsboroughma](https://helpsy.co/tyngsboroughma). Clothing and other textiles should be bagged and left on the curb by 7:00 AM on the day of the scheduled pick up. HELPSY will begin pick up the first week of October. HELPSY is the largest clothing and textile collector in the Northeast and partners with municipalities and organizations across ten states to collect unwanted clothing and other textiles. Through a combination of clothing drives, home pick-ups, thrift store partners and clothing receptacles, HELPSY has helped communities divert nearly 30 million pounds of textiles from landfills last year.

According to the EPA, textile waste is one of the fastest growing waste streams in the United States...occupying nearly 5% of all landfill space. The U.S. throws away 36 billion pounds of textiles each year which equates to nearly 100 pounds per person. Each pound that is discarded in Tyngsborough's waste stream costs the tax payers money by increasing our bill for trash removal. Using HELPSY to divert these textiles is not only the right thing to do for our environment, but for our wallets as well.

HELPSY accepts clean, dry, and bagged clothing and fashion accessories (stained, worn, and torn is fine). This includes dresses, shirts, pants, suits, coats, gloves, hats, belts, ties, scarves, wallets, purses, backpacks, totes, shoes, towels, bedding, costumes, curtains, placemats, tablecloths, and throw rugs. They will not accept breakable houseware or glass, electronics, furniture, building material, scrap metal, appliances, mattresses, encyclopedia sets, phone books, or magazines.

HELPSY will replace the current textile pick up program offered by Simple Recycling. Residents can continue to utilize Simple Recycling when possible for the month of September. All curbside pickup effective 10/1 will be handled through HELPSY at the link above.

For more information about other recycling programs available to Tyngsborough residents, please contact the Board of Health by phone at 978-649-2300 x118 or visit them on the web at <https://www.tyngsboroughma.gov/departments/inspectional-services/health/trash-and-recycling/>

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