

# Where to donate?

Just look for the **MARKHAM** logo on the bins!

## All Markham fire stations:

- 7801 Bayview Avenue
- 10 Riviera Drive
- 2930 Major Mackenzie Drive
- 7300 Birchmount Avenue
- 316 Main Street, Unionville
- 5567 14th Avenue
- 209 Main Street, Markham
- 650 Bur Oak Avenue
- 3255 Bur Oak Avenue

## All Markham Recycling Depots

- **Thornhill Depot** - 5 Green Lane
- **Milliken Mills Depot** - 7660 Kennedy Road
- **Unionville Depot** - 137A Main Street
- **Markham Depot** - 6041 Highway 7 East

## Select Markham Community Centres (CC)

- **Angus Glen CC** - 3990 Major Mackenzie Drive East
- **Armada CC** - 2401 Denison Street
- **Box Grove CC** - 7651 Ninth Line
- **Centennial CC** - 8600 McCowan Road
- **Cornell CC** - 3201 Bur Oak Avenue
- **Crosby Arena** - 210 Main Street, Unionville
- **Mount Joy CC** - 6140 16th Avenue
- **RJ Clatworthy Arena** - 2400 John Street
- **Rouge River CC** - 120 Rouge Bank Drive
- **Thornhill CC** - 7755 Bayview Avenue
- **Victoria Square CC** - 2929 Elgin Mills Road East

## Have you decluttered your closet but can't drop off your donations?

For free home pick-up service by appointment, simply call:

- **Diabetes Canada** 1-800-505-5525
- **Kidney Foundation** 1-800-414-3484
- **OFCP (Cerebral Palsy)** 1-877-244-0899

# Fast Fashion Facts

Disposable clothing, known as 'Fast Fashion', is becoming a strain on our environment. Trendy, poorly made clothing is now available at prices so low consumers don't think twice about throwing textiles in the garbage. As a result, millions of tons of cheap textiles are being dumped into landfills every year.

- ▶ 'Fast Fashion' is the second most polluting industry in the world after the fossil fuel industry.
- ▶ Fashion is big business - valued at \$1.2 trillion a year.
- ▶ 98 per cent of clothes sold in Canada were imported from China, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Cambodia and India where the cost of production is low.
- ▶ The World Bank estimates that textile dyeing and treatment contributes up to 20 per cent of total industrial water pollution.
- ▶ Over 70 per cent of the world's population need and use second-hand clothing and shoes and depend on our generosity.

## Remember to check out the amazing deals and vintage finds if you drop off your donations at:

- **The Salvation Army Thrift Store** - 9293 Highway 48 N
- **Value Village** - 7655 Markham Rd

Contact us to learn more about Markham's textile recycling program:  
markham.ca | 905-477-5530  
customerservice@markham.ca



# Markham Recycles All Textiles!

Effective **April 2017** textiles are banned from the garbage!



## The City of Markham has new textile donation bins.

Conveniently located at select City facilities and apartment buildings, our bins provide 24/7 access for recycling of all unwanted textiles.

Fitted with smart technology such as volume sensors, Markham's textile donation bins send a signal when bins need servicing and can track diversion data. All donations go to Markham's registered charitable partners to create jobs and support communities in need.



# What are textiles?

Markham's unique textile recycling program accepts all adult and children's clothing and footwear, including undergarments, socks, shoes, bedding, towels, pillows, and curtains. All unwanted textiles are acceptable for donation including items that are worn, torn or stained. Even single socks and shoes are welcome!

Bag & tie your donations to keep them dry & clean!



## What happens to my textile donations?



## What's accepted?

### All Clothing

- Active wear
- Bathing suits
- Bathrobes
- Coats
- Dresses
- Jeans
- Pants
- Parkas
- Shirts
- Skirts
- Socks (singles or pairs)
- Sweaters
- T-shirts
- Undergarments
- Uniforms

### Household Textiles

- Bedding
- Bibs
- Blankets
- Comforters
- Curtains
- Cushions
- Mats
- Oven mitts
- Pillows
- Rags
- Sewing fabric
- Sheets
- Sleeping bags
- Stuffed toys
- Towels
- Wash cloths

### Accessories

- Backpacks
- Belts
- Gloves
- Hats
- Jewellery
- Mittens
- Purses
- Scarves
- Ties
- Toques

### Footwear

- Athletic shoes
- Boots
- Cleats
- Dress shoes
- High heels
- Running shoes
- Slip-ons
- Slippers
- Loafers
- Sneakers



## What's not accepted?

**ALL** donated textiles must be dry and free of any medical or hazardous liquids such as grease/oil, blood and vomit.

Due to sanitary, health and safety concerns some items are not accepted, such as infant car seats.

## Partnerships

Markham has partnered with registered charities, The Salvation Army and Diabetes Canada, who service and maintain all Markham branded textile donation bins. All donated textiles are sorted to determine suitability for re-wear, reuse or recycling. Gently used items will be resold through the Salvation Army's Thrift Store and Value Village locations, where proceeds help support local food banks, shelters, children's camps, addiction treatment facilities and medical research. Textiles that are not suitable for resale are recycled and repurposed into industrial rags, furniture padding, insulation, car seats, recycled fabrics and more.



For more items, visit **What Goes Where** at [markham.ca](http://markham.ca)