

One of the main questions asked by different scout troops concerning our recycling programs is what can we expect to make from a used clothing recycling fundraiser?

- The simple answer to that question is, it all depends on the amount of clothing you can collect.
- A simple plastic bag of clothing weighs in at about 20lb. A trailer can hold between 2,000 to 5,000 pounds. One of the large shipping containers will hold up to 12,000.
- **Triangle Recycling will pay your troop ...05 per pound of clothing collected. We also will pay as a cash donation 5% of our gross profit to The United Cerebral Palsy of Minnesota. You would be making money for your troop and helping local people with disabilities.**
- In short you can make between \$300.00 to \$600.00 or more for a mornings work all depending on how many people support your effort.
- Triangle Recycling will provide a trailer or shipping container, it will have liability insurance on it.
- The troop provides a place to set the trailer up.
- Triangle Recycling will provide all of the transportation and weighting of the clothes to market.
- The troop provides the boy/parent power to collect and load the clothes in the container.
- Triangle Recycling will provide up to 500 free (if needed) flyers for scouts to hand out, telling people about the fundraiser and explaining where, when, and what items can be recycled.
- The troop provides the delivery of the flyers to homes.

Ideas about different ways to collect used clothing for recycling.

- 1.) The number one key is getting help from as many people as possible. Getting the word out is your main way of gaining the volume of clothing necessary to make a good profit.
- 2.) Church announcements, Local free event news papers announcements, Local internet bulletin boards, Passing out flyers, Posting flyers in local business.
- 3.) You could add this kind of fundraiser to another event you are doing. Like an auction or a breakfast, selling Christmas trees. Simply coordinate both events to run alongside of each other. Come to breakfast and bring your used clothing to recycle too.

Another way to have a used clothing fundraiser would be to take advantage of local events like Earth day in the spring or a Community garage sale, or a Community (4th of July) or Church celebrations and so forth. Like other kinds of fundraisers, people will start to look forward to and plan to support your troop. Kind of like the people who buy Popcorn every year or come the same

Christmas tree lot to pick out a tree each year. Your troop will become the way people recycle the used clothing they have when they know you are going to offer the service.

To start up the program is simple,
All I need is approval from your troop, name address and contact information.
We will need a place to bring the trailer or shipping container to and set it up.
I'm not sure what you would have to do concerning your BSA Council, you will have to check with them on that matter.
Once we start, the process we will set a date and get the flyers made up then it is up to the troop to finish the process

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