



Textile end of use & reprocessing pathways in New Zealand

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Mindful Fashion does not support throwing away usable clothing and textiles. We encourage clothing and textiles to be kept in use for as long as possible. This guide is intended to be used for genuine waste only.

REPROCESSING

[Textile Products](#) (Recycler - Auckland)

WHAT: Accept any textiles in any condition, but must be decommissioned with all hardware removed.

Can collect in Auckland. Recycled textiles are made into a range of textile products - geotextiles, wadding, felted protective blankets, insulation and underlays. They want to work with businesses to develop useful innovative products using textile waste.

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[Little Yellow Bird - Circular Cotton](#) (Collection and Recycling - Wellington)

WHAT: 100% cotton, merino, wool, linen, hemp, silk. This includes natural fibre blends. All socks. No synthetics. Products must be clean. It does not accept any undergarments, shoes, carpets or mattresses.

Little Yellow Bird test and pilot multiple textile recycling solutions, including repairing, up-cycling, down-cycling (into things like pet beds, home insulation and carpet underlay), and also recycling textiles into yarns for new clothing. It also facilitates a collective industry approach to reducing cotton textile waste in NZ. LYB accepts 100% cotton from any business in any condition. It also accepts any and all socks (regardless of composition).

Some waste is sent to Europe to be recycled in a fibre-to-fibre chemical or mechanical recycling process.

COST:

- For smaller businesses - Purchase a Take Back Box online. Box measures 40 x 40 x 60 cm and fits approximately 12-13kg.
- For larger businesses i.e 300kg+ LYB offer an annual membership.

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[Impactex](#) (Collector and Sorter - Auckland)

WHAT: Accepts most (clean) apparel or textiles are accepted. For an up to date list of what they can and cant accept, see [here](#). Does not have to be decommissioned. Less than 3% of what its receives goes to landfill. Resaleable garments/textiles can be either donated to charity partners on your behalf or upcycled to create sustainable products. Can assist with collection anywhere in NZ with freight and recycling simply invoiced together. Can provide onsite/in-store branded collection bins, monthly collections available in Auckland. Recently launched Uptex, a material made entirely from recycled textile waste.

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[Usedfully](#)

WHAT: Cleantech company turning used textiles and clothing into high performing products for different industries. Also offers traceability platforms where clothing and textiles registered on the Usedfully platform become tradable resources at end-of-use.

CONTACT: [Contact form](#)

[Critical](#)

WHAT: Builds products and technology to transform plastic waste into recyclable materials used for a variety of building panels and furniture.

CONTACT: hello@criticaldesign.nz, +64 21 173 9524

[Terra Lana](#)

WHAT: Terra Lana Products Limited makes insulation and eco-textiles from sustainably sourced wool, recycled wool, with any other materials being predominantly recycled. Terra Lana operates a Zero Waste policy with a 'circular/closed-loop' manufacturing model.

- Using wasted new wool from local farms and pre-consumer wool-textile-industry waste.
- Any polyester used is mostly from recycled PET bottles.
- Construction site offcuts of its insulation are returned for recycling into its acoustic insulation.
- Where possible Terra Lana delivers products free of plastic packaging or recycles its packaging.

CONTACT: sales@terralana.co.nz, Caleb: +6421 567 962

[Wool Yarns](#)

WHAT: Woolyarns offer a unique and flexible yarn development service that builds yarns to specific specifications, in colour, count and blend.

CONTACT: [Contact page](#)

CONSOLIDATORS / REDISTRIBUTORS / REUSE

[Workwear Recycled](#)

WHAT: Workwear Recycled works directly with a number of partners, to provide options for the recycling of a variety of materials used in workwear. It is also working with several R&D programs to develop new technology for the disposal of end of life materials.

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[Koha](#)

WHAT: Pop up alongside meal services, offering clothing to anyone at no cost. Offering people in communities to have access to what they need and want to wear.

CONTACT: koha.apparel@gmail.com

[Ripple](#)

WHAT: Ripple collects, sorts and distributes unwanted and outgrown children's clothing (0 to 12 years) from families, schools, ECE, businesses and excess inventory from retailers.

CONTACT: hello@ripplemovement.co.nz, 0800 328 433

[Sustainability Options](#)

WHAT: Facilitates reuse of good quality home interior products to those who need them.

CONTACT: service@so.org.nz

UPCYCLING / REMAKERS

[Cirkel Life](#)

WHAT: Mindful Fashion member. Childrenswear brand made using upcycled textile waste.

CONTACT: karlie@cirkellife.co.nz

[Kando](#)

WHAT: Any small scraps ie. textile swatches. Makes children's toys.

CONTACT: andrea@keastdesign.com

[Recreators](#)

WHAT: Upcycling workshops. Interested in any textile waste that is high quality and usable.

CONTACT: ger@therecreators.co.nz

[Nicole Van Vuuren](#)

WHAT: Brand that uses offcuts, remnants and scrap fabrics and re-purposes for an upcycled brand.

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[Offcut](#)

WHAT: Offcut is a brand that uses offcuts and remnant fabrics and turns them into 5 and 6 panel caps. Offcut are always looking to collaborate with brands and promote the fact that they choose to do something productive with their waste. Get in touch.



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