

Q&A

Q: How much does it cost me to host a box?

A: Nothing—we just ask for your support.

Q: How often do you empty the boxes?

A: We empty the boxes every week, as many times as needed; even twice a day in some cases.

Q: If, for some reason, I decide I do not want the box, will you remove it?

A: Yes, usually we remove a box within a week.

Q: What if someone drops something in the box by accident?

A: They can call dispatch TOLL FREE at (888) 893-0648 and we will give the person an approximate time for when to meet a driver at the box.

Q: I do not want anything lying outside the box!

A: Neither do we! We empty the boxes several times a week. However, if you see anything outside the box, you can call TOLL FREE at (888) 983-0648 and a truck will be sent out to collect the things and to clean up.

Q: Are these boxes safe?

A: Yes. No one can climb inside, they are fire proof and can not be moved. All boxes are also insured.

Q: What really happens with the clothes and who really gets the money?

A: The clothes are resold to raise funds for development projects such as schools, health programs or HIV/AIDS prevention in Africa, Asia and Central America. With the help of Planet Aid, used clothing from your community will be used to help people in the developing parts of the world.

Get Involved !

We welcome individuals and groups of all backgrounds and sizes to participate in Planet Aid:

- Donate your clothes and shoes.
- Buy quality second-hand clothes in Planet Aid stores.
- Host a drop-off box at your business or organization; call (888)893-0648
- Donate funds for development, support child aid, AIDS prevention, education, and more.
- Become an international Development Instructor: www.iicd-volunteer.org
- Volunteer your time at Planet Aid.
- Become a Partner in Development: companies and foundations direct contributions towards specific programs.



Orphans in Mozambique:
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About Planet Aid

Planet Aid is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of people in developing countries. Our objectives include development, relief aid, and protecting the environment.

Our activities in the USA fall into the following categories: Clothes Collection and Recycling, Second Hand Clothing Stores, Partnership in Development and Information about development issues.

Planet Aid was founded in 1997 and has since then collected and resold used clothing as a means to raise funds for development projects overseas. Planet Aid currently has more than 5000 collection boxes in the following metropolitan areas::

- Boston, MA /New England
- New York City/New Jersey
- Philadelphia, PA
- Washington DC
- Greensboro, NC
- Cleveland, OH
- Detroit, MI

Planet Aid is incorporated in Massachusetts as a non-profit organization and registered as a charity in 10 other states.

Planet Aid is recognized by the IRS as a 501 (c)(3) organization. Donations to Planet Aid are tax deductible; IRS Tax ID # 04-3348171.



Literacy Class in rural Africa

How Can I help?

Most people have items of good clothing which they never use. The clothes are stored in closets or attics and eventually are thrown in the trash and dumped into landfills.

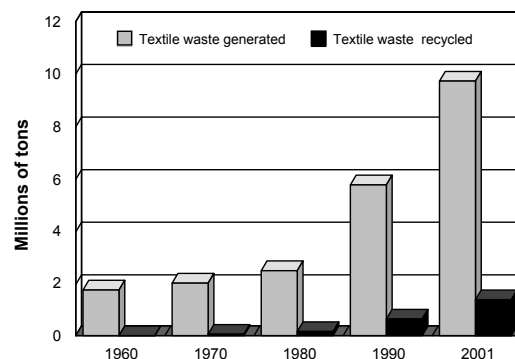
Planet Aid tackles this problem right in your community by recycling and reusing the clothes. We collect the used clothing, keep it out of the landfills and thus help towns and municipalities to save money and resources.

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This is how you can help: We are looking for more businesses and organizations to host our collection boxes, so that we can collect more clothes and raise more funds. Can you help by hosting a box?

Over the last 40 years the amount of textile waste has increased significantly. However, relatively small amounts of textiles are being recycled and there is a big need to increase recycling.

Increase in Textile Waste and Textile Recycling 1960 - 2001



Facts about the boxes



The collection box is made out of metal. It is 3' x 4' at the base and 7' high (approximately the size of a soda machine). Its color is light yellow.

The box is clearly marked with easy to follow instructions. Clothes are donated through a security chute on the front.

Planet Aid empties the collection boxes as often as needed. We conduct routine cleaning and maintenance. We can provide "on-call" collection and repair service when needed.

Planet Aid takes full responsibility for the collection boxes. We do all the work to service the boxes ourselves and we will make sure that the collection box does not inconvenience you and your business. We guarantee prompt removal of the box if you are in any way dissatisfied with hosting the box.

