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### *CET slates 13th annual Earth Day Textile Drive*

On Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27, the Center for Ecological Technology (CET) will hold its 13th annual Earth Day Textile Drive to collect old clothing and household textiles for reuse and recycling. CET is located at 112 Elm Street in Pittsfield. The event will be held in partnership with Goodwill Industries of the Berkshires to help celebrate the 38th anniversary of Earth Day.

Materials will be accepted at CET on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. In addition, residents may drop clothing in the metal bin at the back of the parking lot at the Berkshire South Regional Community Center at 15 Crissey Road in Great Barrington from April 12 until April 27.

Additional drop off sites include the Williamstown Rural Lands Foundation at Sheep Hill, 671 Cold Spring Road in Williamstown. They will accept clothing packed in clear plastic bags at the red metal barn—the overhead door will be open—from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the weeks of April 14 to 18 and April 22 to April 25 (closed April 21).

The collection is open to all Berkshire county residents as well as those living in southern Vermont and eastern New York state.

All types of clothing will be accepted—including sweaters, shirts, skirts, pants, jackets, overcoats and raincoats. Blankets, gloves, socks, paired shoes and winter boots, sheets, towels, and curtains are also acceptable. Clothing must be clean, dry and packed in strong plastic bags, such as garbage or lawn-leaf bags. Rugs, carpeting and pillows will not be accepted. Please do not bring clothes on hangers.

The textile drive is a way for the community to support CET's environmental programs, which include providing education about reuse and recycling. Wearable clothing collected during the drive will be resold by Goodwill at its local stores; the remainder will be made into rags or sent to national and international textile markets. Additionally, Goodwill uses the collection, sorting and retail sales as job training for individuals with barriers to employment. The event is coordinated with assistance from the Southern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District, Berkshire Bank, Lee Bank-Pittsfield Loan Office, and Greylock Federal Credit Union. We thank our many sponsors who donate food and drinks for our volunteers.

Last year's drive netted more than 16,000 pounds of materials. For more information about the textile drive or to volunteer, please call Amanda Dubrowski at CET, (413) 445-4556 ext. 17 or (800) 238-1221 ext. 17, or visit [www.cetonline.org](http://www.cetonline.org). *CET, a non-profit community organization active in the fields of energy and resource conservation and waste management with offices in Pittsfield, Springfield and Northampton, is funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.*