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Lisle Park District Partners with USAgain to Encourage Residents to Recycle Household Textiles

Photo: [Graphic of items accepted for recycling at USAgain dropbox](#)

Lisle, IL – Did you know that 70% of the world wears secondhand clothes?¹ The Lisle Park District has partnered with USAgain to host a dropbox for recycling textiles in the Community Center parking lot located at 1825 Short Street in Lisle. Help reduce the 85% of textiles being trashed each year.²

USAgain is a for-profit company that collects unwanted textiles and resells them in the United States and abroad, effectively diverting millions of items of clothing from landfills, generating new revenue streams for U.S. business and non-profits, and fueling local economies in emerging countries. The following items are acceptable for collection at the USAgain dropbox at the Lisle Park District Community Center parking lot: clothes; children’s clothing; accessories, such as hats, handbags, gloves, belts, scarves and backpacks; linens, such as bedding, blankets, towels and drapes.

The Lisle Park District is dedicated to discovering new opportunities for environmental protection and advocacy with short and long term goals for recycling. Unfortunately, the citizens of the United States dispose of more than 242.96 million tons of solid waste each year, 55%-65% of which comes from single-family residences. With a national recycling rate of just 33.8%, such disposal unnecessarily burdens the state’s landfills and contributes to pollution and climate change by emitting greenhouse gases such as CO₂ and methane.³

The Lisle Park District is excited to add this new partnership with USAgain to their green initiatives in an effort to become an eco-friendly leader within the greater Lisle Community. As of July 2014, the Lisle Park District has donated over 500 used athletic shoes, which will be recycled into athletic running tracks and playground surfaces. In addition, the Lisle Park District has partnered with residents to collect crayons that are recycled into new crayons and, also, collects newspapers, magazines, shopping catalogs, office/school papers and mail. Bins are located at the Lisle Community Center (1825 Short Street).

Each winter, between November-January, the Lisle Park District encourages residents to recycle their old holiday lights, and every spring, they offer free, secure, on-site paper shredding at Lisle’s Largest Free Paper Shred Event, which will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 9am-12pm next year. Mark your calendars now!

The Lisle Park District provides a variety of leisure activities for people of all ages throughout the year. Park district facilities include Lisle Community Park; the Recreation Center which houses Gentle Learning Preschool, SEASPAR, the Senior Center, and multipurpose rooms; Sea Lion Aquatic Park; River Bend Golf Course; Wheatstack – A Midwestern Eatery & Tap and numerous neighborhood playgrounds and parks offering amenities such as tennis courts, ball fields, walking paths and picnic areas totaling close to 400 acres. It is the mission of the Lisle Park District to enrich the quality of life for people of all ages by providing constructive and creative leisure opportunities. For more information about the Lisle Park District, please call 630-964-3410 or visit LisleParkDistrict.org.

¹http://www.transtextile.com/the_business.html

²<http://www.epa.gov/osw/conserva/materials/textiles.htm>

³Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the City/Village – Recycling Bins