

WORKWEAR RECYCLING PROGRAMME

OLD GEAR – NEW PURPOSE



Did you know that annually an estimated 180,000 tonnes of textile and clothing waste ends up in New Zealand landfills. Textiles, especially those made from synthetic materials like polyester, can take decades or even centuries to break down. During this slow decomposition process, fabrics release methane, a powerful greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change.

What are we doing?

We are committed to supporting our customers with circular solutions. Our **Workwear Recycling Programme** makes recycling effortless, allowing you to act sustainably, while focusing on what matters most—your business.



NZ Safety Blackwoods

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Taking Care of Business is what we're here for, and we want to make it as easy as possible for your team to recycle your used workwear. Simply follow these easy steps to have your end-of-use workwear collected, recycled and reported on.

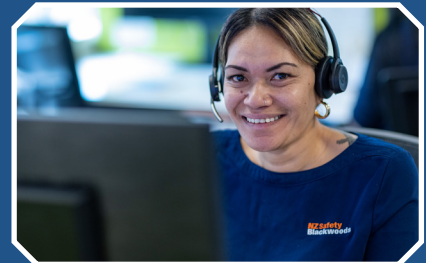
1. Order your collection box (freight included)
Code: 479144



2. Fill the box with end-of-use workwear (box holds approximately 40 - 80 garments)



3. Once full, contact NZSB to arrange collection



4. Your garments will be securely sorted, decommissioned and transferred for recycling into innovative RETEX material



5. We provide you with impact reports of waste diverted from landfill



Signage



Code: 479216

Need help with setting up a recycling station?

We've created handy wall signs to use in your collection area. These signs are made out of RETEX so your team can see the type of material generated from their recycled gear.

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NZ Safety Blackwoods (NZSB) will arrange and book the shipping for the return workwear box on behalf of the customer. However, NZSB are not responsible for any items lost or delays during transit. While we will make every effort to ensure the safe return of goods, it is the customer's responsibility to ensure that the provided box is packed and sealed properly and adheres to the 20kg maximum weight allowance.

WHAT'S RETEX?

Retex is an innovative material designed, manufactured and recycled in New Zealand, using NZ textile waste.

This hard-wearing material can be used both indoors and outdoors and doesn't tear when folded or bent. It's easy to cut, bend, glue, tape or screw, making it perfect for protecting any surface. It can also be painted or printed on and is lightweight and easy to transport. And the best part, it can be recycled over and over again so it never ends up in landfill.

RETEX has a variety of applications including building protection, packaging and even signage. Talk to your Account Manager about how RETEX could be used in your operations, and help take it full circle!



THE RECYCLING PROCESS





What else can I do?

Sustainability goes beyond just product disposal—it's about making intentional, mindful choices at every stage, from sourcing materials to design to production. We're committed to collaborating with our suppliers to evolve our workwear and PPE ranges, integrating environmentally preferred materials and reducing carbon intensity. Reach out to your Account Manager to explore the best sustainable options for your business.

THE NITTY-GRITTY

To make this programme a success and ensure your end-of-use workwear flows smoothly through the recycling process, there are a few things we need your help with.

MATERIALS

Most of your clothing range is ideal for recycling. However, there are some materials that do not yet have a recycling solution such as PU found in wet weather clothing. This programme is also not suitable for other types of PPE such as gloves, footwear, eyewear, hearing protection or hard hats.

Please leave these items out. If you are unsure, contact your Account Manager for more info.



Vests, polos, shirts
pullovers, pants, overalls



Rain jackets, gloves, eyewear,
hearing protection, hard hats, boots

CONTAMINATION

Heavily contaminated garments cannot be processed for recycling. This includes garments with oil, grease, tar, paint, cement, etc and/or strong odours such as wet or mouldy garments. Please ensure garments are cleaned before placing in your collection box.



HEALTH & SAFETY

For the health and safety of our collection and recycling partners, we have a maximum 20kg limit on the box.

