

## Q&A

### What is textile?

- Clothes made of textile: sweaters, shirts, pants, underwear and socks.
- Home textiles: bed linnen, towels, tablecloths, curtains, blankets and rugs.
- Textile bags: handbags, cosmetic bags and cases.
- Textile accessories: ties, handkerchiefs, hats and caps.

### Why should I put textile in the bin?

From January 1, 2025, textile must by law be separated from other waste. The bin is part of a test where try if the bin is suitable for collecting textile in apartment buildings.

### For how long is the bin available?

The bin will be available for a year, from May 1 2025 to May 1 2026.

The test will be cancelled if mishandlet, for example if there is repeated mess or textile outside of the bin.

### Why are we doing this test?

A large amount of textile goes in the waste and is burned. By sorting the textile we can reuse or recycle the fiber, which is environmentally friendly. Did you know producing one T-shirt causes 9 kg of waste? The goal of the test is to make it possible to sort all textile separately and not let it go to waste.

### Are we the only ones making this kind of test?

No, several communes are doing different test of collecting textile separately.

This test is a collaboration with other communes and companies in Sweden and Denmark. It is a Interreg-project co-financed by the EU.

### Who can answer questions?

The test is conducted by avfallsenheten, Svenljunga commune, in collaboration with the environmental strategist, Therese Silow who will answer questions by mail [therese.silow@svenljunga.se](mailto:therese.silow@svenljunga.se)

### What happens to the collected textile?

All of the textile will be transported to Wargön Innovation, near Trollhättan, to be analysed and compared to other tests.

After the analysis the textile will be reused or recycled.

### Do I have to leave my textiles here?

No, there are different alternatives. Here are some examples:

- Second hand-stores (only reusable textile)
- Moga Returen (our waste and recycle center)
- Återvinningsstationer (our collection for packaging)

### Can I throw away the textile with other waste?

No, all textile must be collected separately.

### What does reuse mean?

The clothes and textiles are used again, in another way or by someone else.

### What does recycle mean?

The textile is broken down into fibers that can be used to create new materials.

