

# Did You Know?...

- People around the world consume more than 80 billion items of clothing each year
- 85% or 82,782,000,000 kilograms of all textiles go to the dump each year
- While people bought 60% more garments in 2014 than in 2000, they only kept the clothes for half as long
- 3 out of 5 fast fashion garments end up in a landfill within a year of being purchased
- Fast Fashion is the second-largest polluter in the world
  - The fashion industry is responsible for 8% of carbon emissions but extending the life of clothing by a further 9 months would reduce carbon and waste by 20-30 percent each
- It takes 2,700 liters of water to produce the amount of cotton needed for a single t-shirt
- Over a third of all microplastics in the ocean come from synthetic textiles

## Steinway Thrift Shop

Address: 32-36 Steinway St, Astoria, NY 11103

## Ditmars Thrift Shop Donation

Address: 3120 Ditmars Blvd, Queens, NY 11105

## La Unica Thrift Shop

Address: 9822 Corona Ave., Flushing, NY 11368

## RESOURCES

This is a list of thrift shops and places you can recycle clothing!

## Broadway Thrift Shop

Address: 41-14 Broadway, Long Island City, NY 11103

## Charitable Clothing Collection Services

Address: 55 NJ-17, East Rutherford, NJ 07073

## Wearable Collections Clothing Recycling

Address: 301-323 W 26th St, New York, NY 10001



# KNOW UR CLOTHES

learn about up-cycling, fast fashion, and more!



# About The Project

Our project is focused on a problem. Us girl scouts want to make people aware of fast fashion, and how it affects the environment. As we venture through this educational experience, you will learn about the pros and cons of fast fashion, and how it affects the world in many different ways.

To do the silver/bronze award, you must...

Complete a Girl Scout journey.

Identify an issue you care about.

Explore your community.

Pick & Develop your project.

Make a plan and put it into motion.

Reflect, share your story, and celebrate.

Lastly, your project has to be sustainable.

This project took us each a minimum of 50 hours, so it would be amazing if you could check out our instagram and website.

@knowurclothes on instagram

# Tips

## For Developing Your Personal Style and Avoiding Fast Fashion

- Think about how you would style a clothing piece before you buy it - Does it fit in my wardrobe? Would I actually wear this?
- Research the brand you are buying from before you make a purchase - Do they use ethical production practices? Are their clothes sustainable?
- Buy better quality and fewer clothes so that you can enjoy them more while reducing consumption and waste (both of which have detrimental effects on the environment)
- If you see a trendy piece that you want to buy, think about if you actually like the piece or if you just like it because it is popular
- Buy second-hand clothing as much as possible
- If you want to get rid of a piece of clothing, think about possible ways to upcycle or "thrift flip" it. If you are sure that you want to get rid of it, donate it to a thrift store or donation center instead of just throwing it away



# ABOUT GIRL SCOUTS

## OUR MISSION

Girl Scouts unleashes the G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader) in every girl, preparing her for a lifetime of leadership—from taking a night-time hike under the stars to accepting a mission on the International Space Station; from lobbying the city council with her troop to holding a seat in Congress; from running her own cookie business today to tackling cybersecurity tomorrow. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

## PROMISE

On my honor, I will try:  
To serve God and my country,  
To help people at all times,  
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

## JOIN US!

You can join girl scouts at this link!  
<https://www.girlscouts.org/>

Thank you!