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Cincinnati to pick up nearly anything in new textile recycling program

Clothes, jewelry, small appliances, electronics and more will be taken with biweekly pickup

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Just in time for spring cleaning, Cincinnati residents can soon put just about anything out with their recycling and it will be picked up — for free.

The city just announced that it is partnering with Simple Recycling to offer textile recycling to residents.

The company is distributing orange bags that residents may fill with clothes, jewelry and accessories, as well as small appliances, electronics and even small furniture. On recycling day, Simple Recycling trucks will collect the orange bags and sort the contents to sell to thrift stores or recycle.

Simple Recycling pays the city \$25 per ton for the items collected, and the city saves about \$25 per ton that goes to the company instead of landfills. Cincinnati officials expect to earn about \$70,000 a year for items collected through the program.

Residents have already started receiving the bags and information in their mail, and collection is slated to begin March 20.

