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## PRESS RELEASE

### Town Of Berlin's Textile Recycling Program

Berlin is pleased to announce that we have partnered with AFAB Recycling LLC, a local Connecticut based textile recycling company. Residents are encouraged to drop off their unwanted textiles (clothing and shoes) at the Berlin Transfer Station at 19 Town Farm Lane Berlin, CT. The Transfer Station hours are: Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

AFAB Recycling accepts clean, dry, and bagged clothing and fashion accessories (gently used, like-new or worn) including dresses, shirts, pants, suits, coats, gloves, hats, belts, ties, scarves, wallets, purses, backpacks, totes, footwear, bedding, toys, stuffed animals, and jewelry.

One of the largest clothing collectors in the Northeast, AFAB partners with municipalities and organizations across five states to collect unwanted clothing and shoes. Through a combination of clothing drives, thrift store partners, and clothing receptacles, AFAB helped divert nearly 4 million pounds of textiles from landfills last year.

According to the EPA, Textile waste is one of the fastest growing waste streams in the United States, occupying nearly 5% of all landfill space. The U.S. throws away 36 billion pounds of textiles each year. That is 100 pounds per person. Of those discarded textiles, currently only 15% is recycled, but 95% could be.

For more information on Berlin's new textile recycling program, please contact Berlin Public Works at 860-828-7022 or 860-828-7069.