

## Read stats on how we stay sustainable.



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Happy Earth Week! Celebrate by shopping and donating at Goodwill.

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This Earth Week, we're celebrating Goodwill's role in the circular economy, which is a system that keeps products in circulation for as long as possible. Goodwill is not only good for your wallet and our community, but also for Mother Earth! There are many ways that shopping and donating at Goodwill helps the planet, but we wanted to highlight three in particular.

### Three Ways Goodwill Helps the Planet



**ONE:**

When you shop secondhand, you give items a second chance. We sold more than 15 million items in our stores last year—items that may have otherwise ended up in a landfill.



**TWO:**

It takes 1,800 gallons of water to grow enough cotton to make one pair of jeans. When you buy secondhand items, you help preserve the planet's water supply.



**THREE:**

Goodwill helps eliminate electronic waste. We recycled and refurbished more than 1.1 million pounds of electronics last year. Electronics that are donated in working condition and items we're able to refurbish are sold at our tech store, [The GRID](#).

**You Can Make a Difference**

Goodwill is always looking for gently used items to recycle back into the

community. You can drop off your donations at any of our [drop-off locations](#). The best part? The money we make from selling donated goods funds [career training courses](#), [employment services](#), job search support, family stabilizing services and more - all of which we offer free of charge to thousands of [people in our community](#) each year.



## Building pathways that help people pursue the life they want to achieve!

See how you can make an impact today!

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**WORK**

**TRAIN**



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