



Infinite Textiles.

How receivers and
textile suppliers can help
make a difference.

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The Infinite Textiles scheme has been developed by the TSA to assess and accredit laundries with end-to-end solutions that help deliver more sustainable solutions.

If you are a potential receiver of textiles then we would love you to become an accredited partner of the scheme. Receivers may be:

REUSER	REPURPOSER	AGGREGATOR	RECYCLER
An organisation who enables the product to remain in the same format and to be networked through a charity to support someone in need e.g. textile multi-banks.	An organisation who assists in repurposing the product e.g. a bag for life. All products must be recyclable or where not possible as a minimum to create Energy from Waste (EfW).	An organisation who consolidates end-of-life textiles from the certified Commercial Laundry for forward transportation to a Certified Receiver.	An organisation that processes the product ideally fibre to fibre e.g. a bedsheet into a t-shirt. Where not possible can be recycled into other product.

The scheme is designed to accredit receivers for their responsible and innovative practices in sustainable handling of end of primary use textiles. As much as it's geared for current challenges in the industry, it's equally a forward looking solution for the way things are developing in the sector. The Infinite Textiles scheme is equipped to handle these demands with a high-level of flexibility and simplicity and allows provisions for various parties to participate in the accreditation process.

THE OPTIONS	1 Do nothing. Not actually an option. Legislative and customer driven pressure will potentially exclude laundries from a tender process and has the potential to leave the industry behind on such a key focus area.	2 A fragmented approach. A plethora of sustainability and recycling claims which put pressures on organisations to explore different directions. This will leave the industry on an uneven platform to fulfil our sustainability roadmap.	3 Joined up thinking - Infinite Textiles Scheme - Provides clear prospects for the end of primary use, and also across the life cycle of textile products. Unified approach to an industry-level opportunity.

Why do it?

Driven by legislation and customer objectives, there's growing pressure to manage waste streams more responsibly. Ethically it's just the right thing to do!

With Infinite Textiles accreditation, you can stay in front of the curve and help position the industry with the opportunity to showcase the benefits of commercial laundry and its circular credentials. Laundries have the volumes to provide real viable deliverables for their customers. Infinite Textiles offers a framework, a directive and a system to deliver it.

Evidence of benefits is well documented with dozens of studies demonstrating the merits of re-use and recycle. With a potential of over 6,000 tonnes a year of recycled textiles, the savings in water, chemicals and carbon are enormous. With the industry coming together on this key project, we are making a difference to the environment.

Infinite Textiles will be one of the largest laundry industry textile recycling projects in the world.

TENS OF THOUSANDS
TONNES OF CARBON



BILLIONS OF LITRES OF WATER SAVED



SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS
IN CULTIVATION & PRODUCTION REUSE



It all adds up.

REUSE & RECYCLE

The laundry industry has made huge strides in optimisation and resource efficiencies. However, until now, no-one has fully addressed the end-of-use issue with most textiles being supplied to the rag trade where they were made into 'one more use' wipers. Infinite Textiles seeks to eradicate 'one more use' as an acceptable re-use option.

The scheme allows laundries to use any certified receiver of textiles who range from charities to reusers.

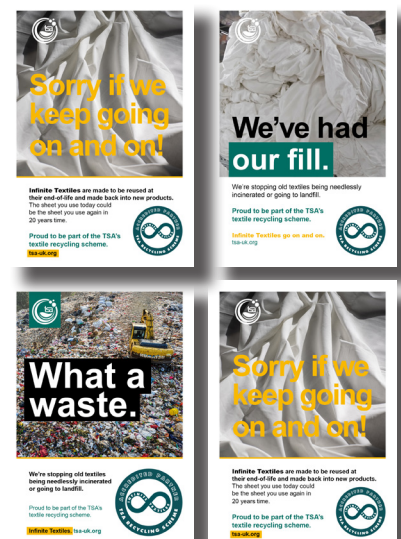
This is your chance to become a certified receiver for the scheme. The more receivers on board the better the scheme will work for everyone.



What you get out of it.

Just some of the benefits and outputs that all Infinite Textiles partners and participants can look forward to include:

- Scheme start-up pack
- Access to webinars and training
- Expert advice and support on recycling best practices
- Evidence of compliance for Waste Framework Directive
- Support certification with ISO 14001, BS8001
- Audited by UKAS accredited certification body
- Marketing literature and support materials
- National PR campaign
- Supporting charity bedding banks (reuse)



Help make textiles last.

Infinite Textiles standards have been well-received among the hospitality industry and the scheme is widely expected to be adopted as the acknowledged route for the sustainable use of textiles across all sectors. It is a requirement of the scheme for a laundry to send their textile stock for reuse, re-purpose or recycle to approved receivers.

You can start to benefit from the scheme in just a matter of weeks with the process of receiver registration to approval being straightforward and easy.

- The receiver completes the registration form on tsa-uk.org/tsa-infinite-textiles/
- We receive the form and schedule an onboarding call
- Charities are only required to write a letter of commitment
- Non-charity operators will then be provided a date for an audit
- Audit is conducted for essential requirements of the scheme
- Upon completion, TSA either approves the receiver if requirements are met and adds the company to the approved receivers list; or, if requirements not initially met, then provides necessary recommendations to complete any gaps and arrange a re-auditing date.

WORKING
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STRONGER
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To find out more about **Infinite Textiles** and the benefits becoming a partner, please get in contact.



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