

RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Rules and Regulations for Textile Recycling

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-140-20-7

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Adoption

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: September 9, 2026

Hearing Date: September 25, 2026

End of Public Comment: October 9, 2026

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 23-18.19

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The purpose of this new rule is to implement the registration and reporting requirements established by R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 23-18.19, the Textile Recycling Act. Textile collectors will be required to register with the Department and submit an annual report identifying the reporting entity, collection locations, collection methods, and the quantity of textiles collected during the reporting period. The annual report must also describe how the collected textiles were managed, including the quantities reused, recycled, disposed of as waste, or exported, and identify the facilities receiving the collected textiles, where applicable. Textile Collectors shall disclose whether the reported quantities were provided to any other governmental agency or organization to avoid duplicate reporting.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed adoption until October 9, 2026 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.5, to consider the proposed adoption shall be held at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. This hearing is subject to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-46, Open Meetings.

Public Hearing Information:

Date: September 25, 2026

Time: 10:30 A.M.

Location: Department of Environmental Management
3rd Floor, Room 300
235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI, 02908

The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and, therefore, the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-423-1927 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting. For questions regarding available parking, please contact the agency staffperson listed above.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

In the development of the proposed amendment consideration was given to: (1) the benefits and costs of a reasonable range of regulatory alternatives reflecting the scope of discretion; (2) alternative approaches; (3) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (4) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.