

THE IMPORTANCE OF SUSTAINABLE FASHION

Fast Fashion's Impact

The fast fashion industry is the second most polluting industry in the world (behind oil). This industry creates 2.1 billion tons of carbon emissions every year.



Textile Waste

On average, each US citizen produces over 100 lbs of textile waste each year, with most of this waste being burned or ending up in landfills.

How To Help

Participating in community thrift swaps is a simple and effective way for individuals to make more sustainable fashion choices. By choosing to shop at thrift stores, swap clothes with friends and neighbors, or participate in community clothing drives, individuals can reduce their environmental footprint while also promoting a more circular economy.

Reusing clothes and donating clothes to organizations can help mitigate the harms outlined above by extending the life of garments and keeping them out of landfills. This can also promote a more sustainable and equitable fashion industry by giving people access to affordable clothing, reducing the need for fast fashion.



UCI Thrift Swap & Clothing Drive

What

As part of this year's Sustainability Festival, Sustainival, UCI Law's Environmental Law Clinic is hosting a thrift swap. For the weeks leading up to the event, the clinic will be collecting clothing donations in bins across campus to be distributed at the swap event.

When

Clothing bins will accept donations from **2/1/23** through **2/20/23**.

The thrift swap event will be on **2/28/23: 11am-2pm**

Where

Clothing bins are located on the UCI Law campus by **EDU 1111** and in the **California Room**.

The thrift swap event will take place in the **Student Center**.

FAQ

What is a thrift swap?

A thrift swap is a community event where people can gather, bring their unwanted clothes, and trade them for other articles. In our case, we are collecting clothes in advance for sanitation purposes. This is a great opportunity to reuse clothing and practice more sustainable consumerism.

What kinds of clothing can I donate?

We are accepting all types of wearable clothing. Clothing with significant damage will not be included in the swap.

What happens to excess clothing?

Any clothing articles not claimed during the event will be donated to local shelters or recycled through vetted organizations.