



SUSTAINABILITY & CIRCULARITY CHECKLIST

for Fashion & Textile Brands

What do Sustainability and Circularity mean for Fashion & Textiles?

Sustainability and circularity for fashion and textiles means embedding sustainability principles within your core business structure. This translates to designing your products or services considering their impacts on society and the environment across the supply chain, during use and at end of life.



Why is this important?



Textiles are often produced under a linear "take, make, waste" model, with negative impacts throughout their life cycle. Adopting principles of sustainability and within that, principles for circularity, shifts your business towards long term resiliency in a rapidly changing world and positions you as a leader in the future of this industry.

How this Benefits You

Approaching business this way can reduce GHG emissions and impacts across your supply chain, build customer loyalty and help you better prepare for changes in policy and regulations affecting businesses. Ultimately, adopting sustainability and circularity practices and principles over time can both strengthen your brand reputation and your bottom line.

How to Use the Checklist

Review the Yes/No questions with your team and write in any details on the answers. Notice your strengths and gaps. Use the Checklist first to review the maturity of your current sustainability and circularity practices, and then on a recurring basis to monitor your progress over time. The Checklist helps you gain clarity on what's already working and prioritize areas that might need attention.

Do I Need to Answer Every Question?

You do not need to answer all the questions. Pick and choose the questions that matter to you most, which pique your curiosity and apply to your business. Personalize the process.

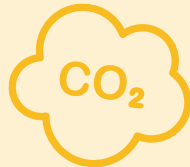
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Does your business **track its greenhouse gas emissions** or have a climate change policy?

For example: Measure Scope 1, 2, and 3 Emissions & Carbon Footprint or Policies to Reduce Company's GHGs

☐ YES

☐ NO



Does your business **actively recycle electronics, equipment or other machinery**?

This might include used machinery, broken appliances, office equipment, electronics etc.

☐ YES

☐ NO



Does your company monitor business activities to **avoid toxic pollutants**?

For example: chemicals used in dyeing & tanning processes, pesticides used in growing raw materials or other chemical related processes.

☐ YES

☐ NO



Does your business **source raw materials from well managed ecosystems** or donate to environmental conservation?

Examples include organic or raw materials from regenerative farming, forest stewardship approved paper products, 1% for the Planet

☐ YES

☐ NO



Does your business currently have a **waste management policy or systems** in place?

Example recycling / upcycling of textile waste materials

☐ YES

☐ NO



Does your business have a **Supplier Code of Conduct Policy** in place?

Including Prohibition of Child & Forced Labor Policy

☐ YES

☐ NO



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Does your company budget for educational opportunities to **learn about design for circularity or the circular economy**?

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YES

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NO



Do your processes, products or services incorporate strategies from the **waste prevention hierarchy**?

Example: recycling, reuse, minimization or prevention

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YES

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NO



Are there efforts within your company to **report on corporate standards** such as the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) or B Corporation?

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YES

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NO



Does your company **take action on and/or donate to causes that improve societal issues**?

Example: diversity / inclusion training, volunteering policy, fair trade certifications

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YES

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NO



Does your company **offer any "take back" programs** or support customers with education on **how to repair or resell products**?

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YES

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NO



Does your company know **how it will contribute to the growing circular economy in the future**?

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YES

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NO



The Textile Lab for Circularity envisions a thriving circular apparel economy in BC by 2031.

THE PROBLEM

In 2019, the global apparel industry emitted

1.025 Gt of CO₂

World Resource Institute

500,000 tonnes
of textiles go to landfill
in Canada, annually

Fashion Takes Action



**Educational
Programs**



**Collaborative
Special Projects &
Working Groups**

Ready to take action in your business? We can help!

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Feeling unsure where to start?

Need support with a special project?

Want to connect?

We want to hear from you!

Define sustainability for your org

Discover how to embed it

Build team capacity

Network with like-minded businesses