

FAQ for Sterling Rope Recycling Program



Thank you for partnering with Sterling on the Rope Recycling Program!

You should have received a Rope Monster Box with shipping box inserts to collect old climbing ropes for the recycling program.

Once built, the Rope Monster should allow for 2 shipping boxes to be inserted in the top, with the eyes cover resting on top. Climbers can then insert the ropes coiled or bound (NOT FLAKED) into the eye-holes. Once the shipping box inserts are full, contact shipping@atlanticbraids.com to receive a UPS mailing label to ship the full boxes back to our headquarters in Canada. We'll collect and palletize the ropes received and work with our recycling partners to process. You can then put new empty box inserts into the rope monster container and accept more old climbing ropes for recycling.

We've also created an FAQ document for climbers who may have questions about the program. You can reference the questions below or invite climbers to read it on our website

Please get in touch with shipping@atlanticbraids.com if you have any questions.
If you need replacement box inserts, please email Heather (heather@sterlingrope.com).

What is the Rope Recycling Program?

In 2008, we initiated the first dynamic rope recycling program in the USA, where we take back old, used dynamic ropes- whether they are ours or made elsewhere. We work with local artists or recycling partners to give these ropes new life.

Why should I recycle my dynamic rope?

There are lots of reasons, but since you asked:

- Nylon is plastic and doesn't break down easily. Recycling keeps it out of a landfill
- Use less petroleum-based products by reusing existing materials
- This gives your old rope new life in non-life safety purposes like dog leashes, bag handles, straps, and more.

What ropes qualify?

At this time, we are only recycling dynamic climbing ropes. All dynamic climbing ropes used for rock, or ice climbing are made of Nylon 6 or Nylon 66.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept non-nylon ropes like polyester static ropes, polyester semi-static (low elongation) ropes, marine or hemp ropes or ropes made of mixed materials. We also cannot receive other PPE like harnesses, slings, anchors or hardware. Due to the current process, receiving mixed ropes or materials would ruin the entire recycling batch.

How do I send my used rope back?

Coil your rope in a butterfly coil or something similar (bound with a strap is OK too).

Simply bring your coiled rope to our participating drop off locations. Just look for the Sterling Rope Monster Box:



Can I purchase your recycled ropes from the HQ in Canada?

At this time, we are not selling the recycled ropes collected in Chute-à-Blondeau, Canada.

How does it get recycled?

When we receive the ropes back from direct shipments and from our participating partners, we collect them in a gaylord on a pallet in our warehouse. Once the gaylord is full, we ship them to our recycling partner in Toronto. They will then be pelletized and turned into toys, carpet fiber, etc. in order to keep them out of the landfill.



Do I need to clean my rope first?

No need to clean your rope first, feel free to send as-is. It just needs to be coiled or bound in some way (not flaked and loose).

If I have more questions, how do I get in touch?

You can contact us for more information through our Contact Us page on our website, or feel free to call us at 1-800-788-ROPE.

Learn more at SterlingRope.com/recycle