



## Recycling sports footwear

The Australian Government is supporting the Australian Sporting Goods Association's (ASGA) TreadLightly initiative to provide free sports footwear collection and recycling.

### The problem

Over 25 million pairs of sports shoes are imported into Australia annually and currently almost all of these are disposed of in landfill. Sports footwear is predominantly made from synthetic fabric, plastic and rubber which do not biodegrade.

### The solution

ASGA's TreadLightly initiative is an industry-led stewardship scheme that provides the Australian public with a free sports footwear collection and recycling service.

By establishing a national network of 500 collection sites the project aims to collect and recycle 1 million pairs of sports shoes annually that would otherwise be sent to landfill.

The Australian Government is providing a grant of \$998,531 for the project through the National Product Stewardship Investment Fund.

### When

This project will run until January 2023 with collection and recycling of sports shoes commencing in mid-2021.

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### Further information

- [National Product Stewardship Investment Fund](#)
- [Waste and resource recovery publications and resources](#)

The Australian Government's National Product Stewardship Investment Fund aims to increase the number of industry-led product stewardship schemes in Australia through grants of between \$300,000 to \$1 million.