

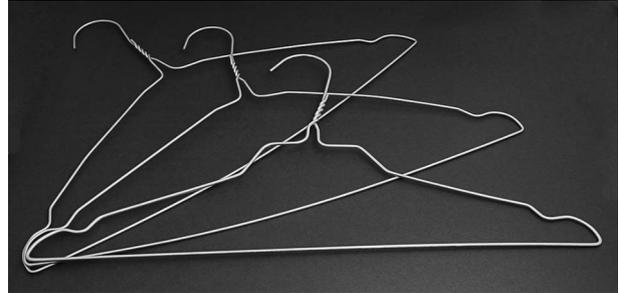
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Too many hang-ups

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Question: I have so many coat hangers not even my local charity shop will take them. What should I do?



Answer: It's funny you should ask. I stumbled on a way of reusing coat hangers just the other day. As I flicked through a copy of *The Penny Pincher's Book Revisited*, a book about living frugally, I came across the following advice: "Use old coat hangers as skewers for cooking on the barbecue."

Good thinking, but I have my reservations. First, it's a bit late in the year to try sliding cubes of lamb on to an item that previously supported your skirts. I'm also concerned that unwinding a metal hanger would create a long skewer that would be cumbersome to clean, unless you snipped it in half with pliers, thus making two skewers and showing an extra dose of frugality.

Finally, given that research by YouGov revealed last week that many unwanted coat hangers are stashed away in UK homes, and that the vast majority of them go straight to the rubbish dump every year, you'd have to be extraordinarily devoted to your barbecue to make a dent in the surplus population.

Fortunately, there are other options. If you hurry, you could take them to one of the 11 Marks & Spencer stores that are holding a coat hanger amnesty. Its own-brand hangers will be reused in stores; hangers from other shops will be recycled and turned back into new coat hangers, with even the metal hooks being melted down and reused.

Should you miss the boat, what about taking wire hangers to the dry-cleaners, a business that is always in need of more? While you're there you could do your second eco-deed of the day and ask whether the shop has considered swapping to a greener cleaning method, such as the one pioneered by GreenEarth. It uses a less polluting silicon-based solvent.

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