

## Ideas on How to Reduce and Reuse

- ❖ **Buy used.** You can find everything from clothes to building materials at [specialized reuse centers and consignment shops](#). Often, used items are less expensive and just as good as new.

- ❖ **Buy sustainable, eco-friendly materials.** Eco-friendly is a material that is not harmful to the environment. [A Guide to the Most Eco-Friendly Materials](#)

- ❖ **Look for products that use less packaging.** When manufacturers make their products with less packaging, they use less raw material. [Be a part of the packaging detox.](#)



- ❖ **Buy in bulk.** Wondering what items you should grab next time you're perusing the bulk section? [Grab your bulk bags and mason jars and get shopping!](#) . If no stores in your area offer bulk goods, there are still many [other ways to reduce your waste while grocery shopping.](#)

- ❖ **Buy reusable over disposable items.** [Look for items that can be reused](#); the little things can add up. For example, you can bring your own silverware and cup to work, rather than using disposable items.

- ❖ **Maintain and repair products,** like clothing, tires and appliances, so that they won't have to be thrown out and replaced as frequently.

- ❖ **Donate** - Instead of discarding unwanted [appliances, tools](#) or [clothes](#), try selling or donating them. Not only will you be reducing waste, you'll be helping others.

- ❖ **Borrow or rent items that are used infrequently,** like party decorations, tools or furniture.

- ❖ **[Buy less stuff!](#)**



- ❖ **Remember, reduce and reuse first!** Before you recycle, make sure that the item is [recyclable and accepted in the city's recycling program](#). Place empty, clean & dry materials in your recycling cart once recycling pick-up resumes. Keep contamination out of recycling and place trash items in your trash cart – ***Don't Mix Recycling and Trash!***  
***Thank you.***