



## TOP TEN (Money- & Earth-Saving) REUSE TIPS

### 1) Buy Used, Surplus, Refurbished & Remanufactured Goods

Whether you need a new kitchen cabinet, dress, or toner cartridge; you can "green" your purchases by visiting your local reuse organization (e.g. thrift store, consignment shop, building materials reuse center, online reseller) first. Plus you can save 75% off retail.

### 2) Choose Durables over Disposables

Disposable products add convenience, but are they worth the extra cost? Consider just one aspect of disposables market - bottled water: Americans buy 29 billion single serve bottles of water each year, and 3 out of 4 are thrown out directly after use. When you use a refillable beverage container you're eliminating hundreds (if not thousands) of plastic bottles and paper cups each year. Reduce waste, conserve resources and save money by choosing durables such as high-quality reusable shopping bags, refillable beverage containers, and cloth napkins. To find out more about the reusables at [www.reuseit.com/learn-more](http://www.reuseit.com/learn-more).

### 3) Rent or Borrow Instead of Buying

Consider renting or borrowing, instead of buying, items that you will use only infrequently. Items that are commonly available for rent include trailers, camping equipment, gardening equipment, and power tools.

### 4) Buy in Bulk, rather than Single-Serve

While single-serving food might be appealing, they are really just a waste of resources and money. Buy large quantities, and put the contents into small, reusable containers.

### 5) Zero Waste Meals

Whether you are packing a lunch for the kids or eating out at a favorite restaurant, be sure to plan ahead. By packing a waste-free lunch kit and bring reusable to-go containers you'll reduce your impact on the earth.

### 6) Consider Reselling

Got clutter? Need to earn a little extra money? Consider holding a yard sale, listing items on Craigslist, or bringing them to your local consignment shop.

### 7) Donate it, don't dump it!

Give your old stuff new life by contributing it to worthy organizations. Clothing, electronics, home furnishings, and building materials are just a short list of items that can be donated to your local reuse organizations which include thrift shops, architectural salvage outlets, furniture banks, food pantries and even creative reuse centers.

### 8) Compost Your Food Scraps

Tired of lugging bags of soil from the home improvement center? Make it yourself instead. By composting your food scraps and yard trimmings you can dramatically reduce the amount of waste you generate.

### 9) Reuse Your Rain Water

If you want to save on your water bills, use a rain water barrel to collect water for your garden.

### 10) Leave it on the Lawn!

Want a healthier lawn? Using a mulching mower - it's better for your lawn and our environment (no truck emissions from leaf pick-up).