

# Waste prevention tips

## Simple changes can make a big difference

Consider this: everything in your garbage can is something you paid for, either directly or indirectly. Check out the list below to fill your savings account instead of your garbage can.

- Ask yourself: Is this product recycled, recyclable or repairable? This decision reduces environmental impacts from the get-go.
- Avoid packaged food in separate compartments or meal-in-one containers that are expensive and produce more waste.
- Reduce the purchase of individually packaged snacks. Buy in bulk when possible.
- Buy the fresh food you need for each meal and use your leftovers.
- Consider buying reusable products like napkins, razors, cups, and utensils instead of disposable options.
- Evaluate refillable options for laundry detergent, soap, cleaning spray, and more.
- Reduce disposable plastic packaging like plastic wrap and plastic bags.
- Utilize reusable containers and reuse plastic bags multiple times for storing vegetables and other food products.
- Visit local thrift stores for used items like household furnishings, clothing, and electronics instead of buying new.
- Rent or borrow instead of buying new items used infrequently, such as tools, lawn and camping equipment, and specialty products.





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## Thrifty resources

Purchasing goods at thrift stores, secondhand boutiques, and garage sales is a great way to avoid buying new items while saving cash and natural resources.

In addition to local thrift stores such as BRING, Goodwill, Habitat for Humanity of Central Lane, and St. Vincent de Paul, check out some of these websites.

- [eugene.craigslist.org](http://eugene.craigslist.org)
- [eugenetoolboxproject.org](http://eugenetoolboxproject.org)
- [facebook.com/marketplace](https://facebook.com/marketplace)
- [freecycle.org](http://freecycle.org)
- [buynothingproject.org](http://buynothingproject.org)
- [kindista.org](http://kindista.org)
- [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com)

## Tool-lending library

ToolBox Project operates a tool-lending library for county residents. The nonprofit empowers people and builds community around reuse, repair, and sustainability by sharing tools, resources, knowledge, and skills. Borrow from a library of more than 1,500 tools, become a member, get current hours, or learn more at [eugenetoolboxproject.org](http://eugenetoolboxproject.org) or call or text (541) 838-0125.



# On-site recycling guide

## Mixed recycling

Follow your garbage & recycling company's instructions

**All recycling must be empty, clean & dry. Check with your garbage company. Services vary.**



**PLASTIC**

**NOW ACCEPTING #1 and #2 bottles, jugs & plastic jars.**



**METAL**

**Aluminum & tin.**



**PAPER**

**Egg cartons, junk mail, newspaper, paper & magazines.**



**CORRUGATED  
CARDBOARD**

**Cardboard boxes.**

## Glass bottles & jars

**Empty, clean & dry. SET GLASS OUT SEPARATELY.**



**NO** lids, broken glass, or window glass.