

What is PREcycling?



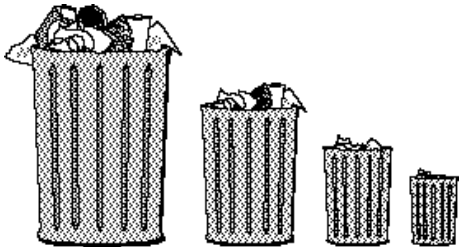
PREcycling means...

- ✓ Stopping waste before it happens,
- ✓ Preventing waste at its source,
- ✓ Reducing the amount of waste we produce,

MAKING LESS GARBAGE!

Did you know, we New Yorkers disposed of more than 5.5 pounds of solid waste per day? It is becoming more expensive to safely dispose of our wastes. Recycling and composting help, but they are not the whole solution!

**IF YOU'RE NOT
PREcycling,
YOU'RE WASTING
RESOURCES**



Be An Environmental Shopper

Look for..

No Packaging

- ☉ Buy in the bulk food section.
- ☉ Buy fruit & snacks loose instead of in packages.
- ☉ Bring your own canvas or reusable bags to the store.

Minimal Packaging

- ☉ Look for concentrates.
- ☉ Buy larger sizes of products.

Reusables and Refillable Packaging

- ☉ Refillable milk & soda containers.



**PREcycling SAVES
MONEY!**

At Home...

Choose the reusable
alternative to
disposable products...



- ☆ A cloth towel instead of paper towels.
- ☆ A reusable razor instead of disposable ones.
- ☆ A mug instead of paper or plastic disposable cups.
- ☆ Washable plates or china instead of disposable plates.
- ☆ Cloth napkins instead of paper napkins.
- ☆ Rechargeable batteries instead of disposable batteries.
- ☆ Donate used clothing & appliances to charities.

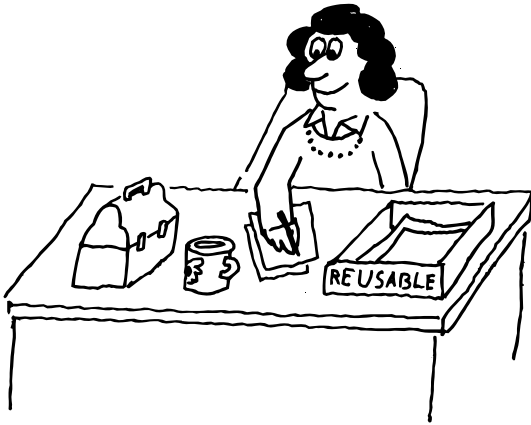


Buy Durable!

At Work...

- ✓ Make double-sided copies.
- ✓ Circulate, instead of distributing individual copies of memoranda, letters and magazines.
 - ✓ Periodically review mailing lists, remove duplicates and individuals no longer wanting publications.
- ✓ Consolidate mailings whenever possible.
- ✓ Use E-mail whenever possible.
- ✓ Get off unwanted mailing lists.
- ✓ Bring reusable dishes, mugs/cups and silverware to the office instead of disposables.

REUSING OFFICE



**SUPPLIES IS A GREAT
IDEA!**

At School...

- ★ Use both sides of paper.
- ★ Save and reuse boxes, mailing tubes, and Styrofoam "peanuts."
- ★ Reuse three-ring binders, manilla folders, pocket folders, report covers and other school and office supplies.
- ★ Use reusable dishes, cups/mugs and silverware.
- ★ Bring "reusable lunches" to school (bring your lunch in a lunch box or canvas bag, plastic sandwich holder and reusable drink container.)

Send us your ideas.
We'd like to include them in future publications.

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Hey, New York!

**Let's
PREcycle**

**PREvent waste before
you reCYCLE!**

