



# Residential Recycling & Reuse Tips

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RECYCLING & REUSE TIPS	OUTSIDE THE CART
Place peanut butter containers and other hard-to-clean recyclable containers (and lids) in the dishwasher before placing them in your recycling. Remove paper beforehand, if possible.	Buy everyday products made from recycled materials, such as toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, and more. Look for brands such as Forest Green, Seventh Generation or Wild Harvest.
Donate art scraps and supplies for reuse to	Use recycled printer/copier paper.
Donate or resell electronic media (CDs, DVDs, cassettes, etc.) to non-profit organizations or private businesses. CD Recycling Center of America <a href="http://www.cdrecyclingcenter.org">www.cdrecyclingcenter.org</a>	<b>Do Not put plastic bags in your home recycling.</b> Recycle plastic bags at Cub, Kohls, Lowes, Target, and Walmart. Visit <a href="http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org">www.plasticfilmrecycling.org</a> for more info about plastic bag recycling.
Save money - don't buy wax paper; reuse the wax bags inside cereal boxes. Cut into a long strip, reuse an old paper towel core and roll the paper around it.	Keep several reusable shopping bags in your vehicle so you always have one on hand. Use them at all stores – not just the grocery store.
Participation locations of the UPS Store® accept clean foam packaging peanuts of all sizes, shapes, and colors for reuse. Contact the UPS Store® location nearest you for additional information.	Shop recycled at the Goodwill, thrift stores, and consignment stores. Giving preowned clothing and accessories a second chance at life is a great way to be sustainable and stylish.
Many cities host paper shredding events; onsite paper shredding and recycling.	Consider using wool dryer balls as a natural fabric softener in your dryer.
Just because it has a recycling triangle on it, doesn't mean it is recyclable in your community. <b>When in doubt, throw it out.</b>	Bring a reusable mug when you visit a coffee shop. Some will even give you a discount on your beverage.
Recycle your natural cork wine corks. Go to <a href="http://www.recork.com">www.recork.com</a> to find a drop off location.	For a list of locations to drop off expired or unwanted prescription drugs, visit <a href="https://www.anokacounty.us/2930/Prescription-Drug-Take-Back-Sites">https://www.anokacounty.us/2930/Prescription-Drug-Take-Back-Sites</a>
<b>Campfire Starters</b> - Supplies: used wax candles or crayons, sawdust or wood shavings, used egg cartons, and toilet/paper towel cores. Melt the wax over low heat and stir in the wood shavings, allow time for the wax to soak into the shavings. Pour into empty egg carton. Gently press to mold. Allow to cool. Break apart and package in a reusable container.	Recycle your kitchen scraps, discarded leftovers, spoiled food, along with some paper products in an organics program. Organics Recycling is offered at Coon Rapids Recycling Facility or Anoka County Compost Site. For information, visit: <a href="http://www.coonrapidsmn.gov/398/Organics-Recycling">www.coonrapidsmn.gov/398/Organics-Recycling</a>  <a href="http://www.anokacounty.us/360/County-Organics-Drop-off-Program">www.anokacounty.us/360/County-Organics-Drop-off-Program</a>
Use old plastic bread bag "locks" at the end of a roll of tape for easy peeling.	At restaurants that use "throw-away" cups, ask if you can use your own reusable water bottle.
Use toilet/paper towel cores and put laundry lint into them. Use to help start the campfire.	Bring your own reusable take-home container to restaurants (it saves them money too).
Reuse your tissue box to store your retail plastic bags for reuse and easy dispensing.	Bring broken items back to life at a Fix It Clinic. Go to <a href="http://www.anokacounty.us/3432/Fix-It-Clinics">www.anokacounty.us/3432/Fix-It-Clinics</a> for list of upcoming clinics.