

Purchasing Tips To Reduce Waste

1. Buy products in refillable, returnable or recyclable containers.
2. Buy products that will last. Check and evaluate the warranty.
3. Do not buy disposable items.
4. Avoid packaging with two or more different materials, these are not readily recyclable.
5. When shopping use reusable bags and containers.
6. Do not buy excessively packaged items.
7. Buy in bulk or large quantity when possible. (Hazardous chemicals are the exception, buy only what you need to avoid disposal problems.)
8. Purchase products that are manufactured from recycled materials.
9. Write to manufacturers to express concern over packaging or for information about their environmental intentions.
10. If manufacturers continue to over package items leave the excess behind, politely telling the store clerk why you are doing this and suggest that they contact the manufacturer regarding your concerns.

