

Less is Best— Reducing and Reusing

Recycling is great, but reducing and reusing saves natural resources and avoids more pollution—better yet, it can save you money! Currently Lane County citizens are recycling 52% of all waste. That's great! But on average, each of us uses DOUBLE the resources we used just 15 years ago. Recycling makes a difference but planning ahead, purchasing in bulk with millions of people, the earth just doesn't have the resources to maintain our use.

Want to save money?

Just look in the garbage can! Disposable cleaning wipes, single serve packaging and other disposable products not only cost you two or three times more at the grocery store, they unnecessarily use up resources and burden future children and grandchildren.



You'll find tips on waste prevention as well as a full guide to disposal options in Lane County, right up front in the DEX

phone book. Look in the Brown pages for all things reduce, reuse, recycle. Or visit www.lanecounty.org/lessisbest for tips on waste prevention.



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Recycler's Guide to Waste Prevention



*Saving money
with these waste
prevention tips is
good for you and your
community*



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Waste Prevention Tips

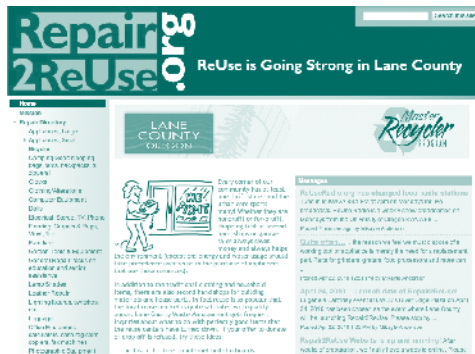
Before you buy a product, ask yourself:

- Do I really need this?
- Can I find this at a thrift store or second-hand store?
- Is this a durable and/or repairable item?
- Does this contain recycled materials?
- Is there an alternative that uses less packaging?



Before you toss it out, ask yourself:

- Can this be repaired, reused, or recycled? For a list of local resources, visit Repair2ReUse.org
- Do I know anybody who can use this?
- What about listing this on www.freecycle.org or one of the other many community sharing sites?



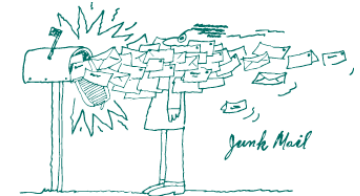
More Waste Prevention Tips:

- Use rechargeable batteries.
- Use refillable pens, water bottles, lighters, and razors, not disposables.
- Purchase products with post-consumer recycled content.
- Buy in bulk whenever possible.
- Bring your own reusable bag to the store and cup to the coffee shop.
- Request "no bag please," if buying only a few items.
- Donate used items to thrift organizations.
- Shop at garage sales and thrift stores.



Stop Unwanted Junk Mail

- Register with Direct Marketing Association's Mail Preferences Service at www.dmchoice.org, or Direct Mail at www.directmail.com/directory/mail_preference.



- Catalog Choice at www.catalogchoice.org, is a free and easy way to remove yourself from unwanted catalog lists.
- Call the catalog's toll-free customer service number and ask that your name be removed from their mailing list.
- Stop receiving pre-screened credit card offers, visit www.optoutprescreen.com or call 1-888-5OPTOUT (1-888-567-8688).
- Don't fill out product warranty cards. They are often used to collect personal information. *Manufacturers should honor warranties even if you don't fill out and return the registration cards. Be sure to save your sales receipt.*
- Request that your name not be sold, rented, or given away when you make a donation, order a product or service, or subscribe to a publication.
- Avoid Sweepstakes and contests if you don't want the mail. Entry forms are usually "fishing expeditions" for names to add to direct mail lists.