



## Ways You Can Reduce Waste

- Use a reusable lunch box or bag instead of a paper bag to carry your lunch. You won't have to throw away a paper bag every day.
- When you make a purchase, don't take a bag or instead take a reusable bag.
- Rent items you use infrequently, rather than purchase them.
- Wrap your gifts in a cloth bag so it can be used over again. (Wrapping paper won't end up in our landfills!)
- Use cloth napkins instead of paper napkins.
- Use a sponge or cloth rag instead of paper towels.
- Always look for items with little or no packaging.
- Use reusable plastic containers for food instead of plastic bags.
- Use rechargeable batteries instead of disposable ones.
- Go to the library to read your favorite magazine, book or newspaper rather than purchase them.
- Use plates, cups and utensils you can wash instead of paper plates, cups and plastic utensils that you throw away.
- Purchase items in concentrate (such as juice and detergent) when possible.
- Choose products in recyclable or refillable containers.
- Avoid buying food items in single serve packaging.

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