



# GO ZERO!

## Zero Waste Tips

At Home, At Work & In Your Community

### AT HOME

Support local businesses that re-purpose local materials like [reclaimedcleveland.com](http://reclaimedcleveland.com) and [apieceofcleveland.com](http://apieceofcleveland.com).

Choose products with the least amount of **packaging**.

**Repair** a broken appliance before sending it to the landfill.

Join a local **Freecycle Network**.

Dispose of **hazard waste** responsibly.

Reduce use of plastic by **drinking tap water** instead of buying plastic bottles (which will also save you lots of money).

Buy in **bulk** to save money and reduce unnecessary packaging materials.

Reduce **unwanted mail** by registering with the Direct Marketing Association Mail Preference Service at [www.dmachoice.org](http://www.dmachoice.org).

Prevent food waste by **composting** your food scraps. If you are an apartment-dweller, try balcony composting or vermicomposting.

Review your community **recycling guidelines** to understand how you can recycle paper, plastic and metal at the curb. Visit [cuyahogasd.org](http://cuyahogasd.org) or your own county website to learn more.

Reduce use of plastic by taking **reusable bags** to the grocery store. Don't forget about reusable produce bags.

Eliminate your use of plastic wrap by purchasing (or making!) **reusable dish covers**.

Reuse leftover materials and support **upcycling** by shopping at places like the **Cleveland Flea** and **Collective Upcycle**.

**Donate** clothes or other household items to your local thrift store or other charitable organization.

Donate unwanted furniture or buy used furniture at **Habitat for Humanity ReStore** or the **Cleveland Furniture Bank**.

*More On Back!*

## AT WORK

Donate unused materials, such as carpet squares or wallpaper samples, to **ZeroLandfill** to be used by artists.

Schools can recycle Crayola markers and send them to a conversion facility to be transformed into clean-burning fuel through the **Crayola ColorCycle** program.

Update printer settings to **print double-sided** pages and using the ecoprint option by default and recycle used ink and toner cartridges.

Consider making events zero waste by offering recycling and composting services. Check out [www.ZeroWasteNEO.org](http://www.ZeroWasteNEO.org) for tips and timelines for preparing for a zero waste event.

Attend one of the **Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District's seminars** and conduct a waste audit.

Implement **sustainable purchasing practices**, which give preference to environmentally friendly products.

Drink from a **reusable mug or water bottle**; pack your lunch in a reusable container and lunch bag.

Implement a workplace program for recycling and composting and make it **accessible** and **easy** to use.

Enter the **Boat Float** or the **Corporate Boat Float**.

## IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Host a **Freecycle** recycling event in your community.

Start a **Little Free Library** in your neighborhood. Info at [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org).

Participate in a **local shredding event**. Info at [www.ohioshred.com](http://www.ohioshred.com).

Join the **ZeroWasteNEO.org** working group. Make Zero Waste the standard in all of Cleveland's communities.

Develop guidelines for assessing the feasibility of **deconstruction** in your community, incorporating the four indicators of cost, time, diversion rate, and economic development potential.

Explore development of **composting programs** on a neighborhood scale.

Identify a cost-effective approach to collecting **yard waste** and leaves.

Develop and implement a program that reduces the use of disposable single-use bags along with a **public education campaign**.

