

Reuse Everyday Items

Many items found around the home can be used for different purposes. So before you throw those items away, think about how they can be reused. Below are some suggestions of how to reuse those everyday bits and pieces.

Reusable Items



Carrier bags and twist ties. Carrier bags can be reused in the shops or as bin bags around the house. Paper bags make useful wrapping paper and twist ties can be used to secure loose items together, such as computer wires.



Envelopes By sticking labels over the address you can reuse envelopes. Alternatively, old envelopes can be used as scrap paper to make notes on.



Jars and pots. By cleaning glass jars and small pots, you can use them as small containers to store odds and ends.



Newspaper, cardboard and bubble wrap Make useful packing material when moving house or to store items.



Old clothes – can be made into other textile items such as cushion covers or teapot cozies.



Packaging Such as foil and egg cartons can be donated to schools and nurseries, where they can be used in art and craft projects.



Scrap paper Can be used to make notes and sketches. Don't forget to recycle it when you no longer need it.



Tires Old tires can be given to your local petrol station where they will be recycled. Or you could make a tire-swing by tying a strong rope around a tire and attaching it to a tree.



Used wood Can be used in woodcrafts for making objects such as a spice rack or a bird table. Alternatively it could be used as firewood.

Useful Tips



Old Electrical Equipment Donate old electrical equipment to schools or community centers so that others can reuse them.



Donate Old Clothes and Books Other people can reuse your unwanted clothes and books when you donate them to charity shops.



Car-boot Sale Have a car-boot sale and get rid of some unwanted items. Other people may find a use for them, plus it gives you the opportunity to earn some extra cash.



Rechargeable Batteries Rechargeable batteries can be reused many times before they need throwing away, opposed to regular batteries that create unnecessary waste.



Build a Compost Bin You can reuse many waste items, such as eggshells and old tea bags, using a compost bin. This waste then degrades and turns into compost that can be used to help your garden grow.



Grass Cycling After mowing your lawn, instead of throwing the grass cuttings away, leave them in your garden. The nutrients from the cuttings go back into the soil and act as a fertilizer.