



Waste Prevention Tips

From the King County Ecoconsumer Program

Choose durables – they pay off!

Reduce waste, conserve resources and save money by buying fewer disposable products and buying well-made products that will last a long time.

Common disposable products include batteries, razors, cups, bags, and cleaning wipes and cloths. Reasonable reusable alternatives for all those items are available.

These products are designed to make our lives more convenient, but are they always worth the extra cost to the planet and your wallet? Choose non-throw-away products when it works for you. Also consider buying clothing, appliances, furniture and other items that might cost a little more but will last longer and save you money in the long run.



Pay attention to packaging

More than one-third of the waste we produce is usually packaging. To prevent waste and conserve resources, choose products with less packaging when possible.

Rent or borrow instead of buying

From cars to bikes to tools to party supplies, you don't need to buy everything, especially when you only use them infrequently.

Many great businesses, services and programs in King County can now help you rent or share almost anything!



Fix it for free

The King County EcoConsumer program sponsors and supports free community repair events throughout King County. These events have been held in Renton, White Center, Burien, Kent, Federal Way, Bellevue and other locations. They usually last three hours and are held at libraries or community centers.

If it needs repairing or mending, you can bring it to one of these repair events and we'll try to fix it! We work on lamps, chairs, vacuum cleaners, small kitchen appliances, computers, tools, toys, jewelry, pants, shirts, dresses and lots more. Our experienced fixers have specialized tools and sewing machines!

For more info, visit KCecoconsumer.com or contact repair events coordinator Tom at 206-477-4481 or tom.watson@kingcounty.gov.

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