

## Ways to Reduce Waste

- Reuse – Use reusable bags for shopping and gift giving, reusable bottles and mugs instead of disposables when on the go and real dishes and cutlery at events.
- Repurpose – Find new uses for things you would otherwise throw away. A few examples include using cookie tins for storage, turning old clothes into rags, using cans as pencil holders and using old jars as vases.
- Borrow/Share – Borrow tools, party supplies, camping gear, sports equipment, from a lending library or share things like a lawn mower or ladder with neighbours.
- Repair – Extend the life of items like clothing, appliances and electronics by repairing them and keep an eye out for repair events in the city.
- Donate – Give clothing, books, toys and more a new life by donating them.



## Conserve Water

- Using less water, keeping rainwater on your property and managing what enters our storm sewer system means you are protecting your home and the environment while saving money.
- View your total and average water use by day, week, month or year in easy-to-read graph or chart format.
- Look for leaks and become more aware of your water use habits.
- View your utility account information and details of your billings at [toronto.ca/mywatertoronto](http://toronto.ca/mywatertoronto).



## Recycling Tips

- Rinse clean. Remove food, liquids, and contents before recycling.
- Put items in loose and not bagged.
- Put shredded paper in a clear plastic bag.
- Separate plastic bags/over-wrap from newspapers, flyers, magazines, water/soft drink cases. Recycle separately.
- Not all items with a recycling symbol are accepted in Toronto's Blue Bin recycling program. If unsure about whether or not an item can be recycled, check Waste Wizard at [toronto.ca/wastewizard](http://toronto.ca/wastewizard).

