



## PRECYCLING

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Precycling is about reducing waste and lowering the amount of products that need to be recycled. This is accomplished by purchasing products with minimal packaging and maximum reusability. The key to precycling is to think about the packaging and products before making a purchase. Ask the question “When I am done with this item, what will happen to it?” Below are some helpful tips to consider before purchasing products.

- Buy loose produce instead of packaged produce
- Buy in bulk and avoid individually wrapped items
- Substitute one large size for several smaller size packages or cans
- Bring reusable bags to the store
- Buy refillable containers
- Use a computer or an e-reader, especially for newspapers and magazines
- Buy concentrated products, such as detergents
- If packaged, look for items with recyclable packaging
- Choose reusable products rather than disposable
- Buy items that will last a long time