

## Share, Borrow, or Buy Used

### Why we care

The stuff we buy, not only uses resources and energy, but also creates greenhouse gases. According to DEQ, our purchases of goods produced inside and outside the state are responsible for at least 30 percent of Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions. All this production and consumption also generates waste. Americans (per capita) throw away more than any other nation and 70% more than Swedes. For every garbage can we place at the curb, the equivalent of 71 garbage cans of waste is created in mining, logging, agriculture, oil and gas exploration, and the industrial processes used to convert raw materials into finished products and packaging.

### Simple, positive change

Sharing, borrowing, and buying used are all easy ways to reduce our ecological footprint and still maintain our quality of life.

#### Borrow or rent

- Public library
- Tool libraries (N, NE, SE Portland, and Lents)
- Kitchen share (NE and SE)
- [Toy library](#)
- Rental stores

#### Buy Used

- Clothing – resale, consignment, and thrift shops. For kids, see [Pass It On](#). Or host your own clothing swap.
- Books, magazines, and music – Powell's, New Renaissance Bookshop, Everyday Music, Music Millennium
- Bicycles – Community Cycling Center, City Bikes, Bike Farm
- Sporting equipment – Next Adventure Bargain Basement, Play it Again Sports, ReRack
- Building materials – ReBuilding Center, Habitat for Humanity ReStore
- Building hardware and lighting – Hippo Hardware, Old Portland Hardware
- Furniture – City Liquidators, Rerun, Consignment Northwest
- Computers – Free Geek, Computer Renaissance
- Arts, crafts, and home project supplies – SCRAP

Need to find a specific item? Try the following before buying new: Craigslist, thrift stores, antique shops, pawnshops, rummage sales, and garage and estate sales.

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