

Reuse



- Styrofoam (Polystyrene #6) is un-recyclable.
- Americans go through 2.5 million plastic bottles per year.
- It is estimated that 500 billion to 1 trillion plastic bags are discarded

It's easy to reuse a number of household items to reduce your contribution to the local landfill. Check out a few of the ideas below:

Reuse your water bottles instead of buying new. 1 tbsp of bleach in 1 gallon of water will sanitize the bottles and they are ready to go again.

Choose a glass or mug for your water instead of plastic bottles.

Bring a coffee cup to work and ditch the Styrofoam.

Use your grocery bag as a lunch bag.

Recycle your grocery bag at home or return it to the store you received it from. Many grocery stores have plastic bag recycle stations.

Buy recyclable cloth bags and use those instead of plastic bags. Some stores will even reward you by taking some money off your bill for providing your own bags!



Each year Americans throw away 25,000,000,000 Styrofoam cups, enough every year to circle the earth 436 times.

If every American household recycled just one out of every ten bottles they used, we would keep 200 million pounds of plastic out of landfills every year.

Plastic grocery bags sent to landfills can take up to 1,000 years to break down and can release toxic particles that contaminate the soil and water.