



PURCHASING RESOURCE TOOLKIT

Purchasing Action Items

- I use a reusable coffee mug, thermos, and/or water bottle.
- I purchase products with quality and long-term durability over quantity.
- I buy in bulk when needed to reduce excessive packaging.
- I choose secondhand or thrift stores over purchasing new items.
- I use recycled paper for printing.
- I buy Energy Star certified appliances and electronics.
- I avoid cosmetic scrubs and products that contain plastic microbeads.
- I use green cleaning supplies.
- I purchase reusable or biodegradable materials when possible.
- I am conscious of my need for a new item before I make the purchase.
- I choose to buy locally rather than using next-day delivery options.

RESOURCES

Philadelphia Thrift Stores

[Best Philly Thrift Stores: Vintage Shops Worth Visiting](#)

Uhuru Furniture

[Uhuru Secondhand Furniture & Collectibles](#)

The Resource Exchange

[The Resource Exchange Philly's Thrift Store for Reclaimed Art and Craft Materials](#)

Sustainable Business Network of Greater Philadelphia

[SBN Philadelphia](#)

Circular Philadelphia

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Safer Choice Fact Sheet

[EPA Safer Choice Fact Sheet](#)

Circular Economy

[What is Circular Economy & How Does It Work? Complete Guide - Recycle Track Systems](#)

Energy Star Product Finder

[List of Energy Star Energy Efficient Products](#)

EPA Safer Choice Search Tool

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