

## *Ideas on How to Reduce and Reuse*

The most effective way to reduce waste is to not create it in the first place. Making a new product requires a lot of materials and energy - raw materials must be extracted from the earth, and the product must be fabricated then transported to wherever it will be sold. As a result, reduction and reuse are the most effective ways you can save natural resources, protect the environment and save money.



Buy used. You can find everything from clothes to building materials at specialized reuse centers and consignment shops. Often, used items are less expensive and just as good as new.

## *Here are some suggestions on how you can reduce and reuse:*

-  Look for products that use less packaging. When manufacturers make their products with less packaging, they use less raw material. This reduces waste and costs. These extra savings can be passed along to the consumer. Buying in bulk, for example, can reduce packaging and save money.
-  Buy reusable over disposable items. Look for items that can be reused; the little things can add up. For example, you can bring your own silverware and cup to work, rather than using disposable items.
-  Maintain and repair products, like clothing, tires and appliances, so that they won't have to be thrown out and replaced as frequently.
-  Borrow, rent or share items that are used infrequently, like party decorations, tools or furniture.

*These tips have been provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency*

## 2016 Household Hazardous Waste Events

**Bergen Community College**  
**ENTRY VIA PARAMUS ROAD ONLY**  
400 Paramus Rd., Paramus  
Sun., April 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Sun., June 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Sun., Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Bergen County Utilities Authority**  
Foot of Empire Blvd., Moonachie  
Sat., March 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Sat., Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation**  
200 Campgaw Rd., Mahwah  
Sat., May 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Sat., July 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Sat., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Collection Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**(Rain or Shine)**

## 2016 Electronics, Mobile Paper Shredding & Tire Events

**Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation**  
200 Campgaw Rd., Mahwah  
Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Sunday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Bergen Community College**  
**ENTRY VIA PARAMUS ROAD ONLY**  
400 Paramus Rd., Paramus  
Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Collection Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
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