

# Ways to Save \$\$\$ - Reduce, Reuse & Recycle!

A PAYT program puts the control of trash cost in your hands - the fewer purple PAYT trash bags you fill, the less you spend.

Below you'll find some creative and cost effective ways to save \$.

- 1) BYOB (Bring Your Own Bag). Use your own reusable bags when shopping.
- 2) Purchase products packaged in materials the City of Concord recycles - you can recycle them for free!
- 3) Make a backyard compost pile for kitchen/yard waste - it's up to 12% of your trash's weight! For a great composting flyer visit - [des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swrtas/documents/compost\\_flier.pdf](http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swrtas/documents/compost_flier.pdf)
- 4) Choose rechargeable batteries and long-life bulbs.
- 5) Use ceramic mugs, cloth napkins & towels, china plates and silverware instead of paper or plastic.
- 6) Look for products with less or no packaging - i.e. tools, fresh produce, dry goods.
- 7) Avoid individually wrapped portions (cheese slices, juice boxes, etc.).
- 8) Buy cereals, grains, etc. in BULK - there's no additional wrapping or packaging.
- 9) Take your own mug/thermos to the coffee shop - often times you'll get a discount!
- 10) Get rid of junk mail! Request that your name be removed from bulk mailing lists. Go to: [dmachoice.org/dma/member/regist.action](http://dmachoice.org/dma/member/regist.action)
- 11) Use concentrated products, such as juice and household cleaners.
- 12) Buy reusable items, such as razors or batteries, instead of disposable ones.
- 13) Donate useful items such as books, furniture, or clothing to a local thrift store and/or donate them to your favorite charity. [goodwill.org](http://goodwill.org) [use.salvationarmy.org](http://use.salvationarmy.org) [concord-redcross.org](http://concord-redcross.org)
- 14) Give unwanted items away on [FreeCycle.org](http://FreeCycle.org)

And MANY, MANY MORE!

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- 15) To find out where to recycle just about anything: [earth911.org](http://earth911.org)
- 16) [excessaccess.org](http://excessaccess.org) matches donations with wishlists for local non-profits
- 17) If you want to stop catalogs in your mail: [catalogchoice.org](http://catalogchoice.org)

- 18) If you want to reduce junk mail: [wikihow.com/Get-Rid-of-Junk-Mail](http://www.wikihow.com/Get-Rid-of-Junk-Mail)
- 19) If you are giving things away: [sharingisgiving.org](http://sharingisgiving.org), [nhcraigslist.org](http://nhcraigslist.org) (for selling items too)
- 20) For questions about hazardous waste: [des.nh.gov](http://des.nh.gov)
- 21) To donate books: the local library or try The Global Literacy Project [glpinc.org](http://glpinc.org), which donates to libraries, schools, prisons, hospitals, and communities to promote literacy.
- 22) To donate prescription glasses, reading glasses, sunglasses, and plastic and metal frames: look for collection boxes in the community sponsored by Lions Clubs
- 23) To donate clothing: Good Will, Salvation Army, Planet Aid and other drop boxes
- 24) To donate women's business clothing: [dressforsuccess.org](http://dressforsuccess.org) (it helps disadvantaged women get back on their feet)
- 25) To donate prom dresses: [thecinderellaprojectofnh.org](http://thecinderellaprojectofnh.org)
- 26) To donate still-wearable athletic shoes: [oneworldrunning.com](http://oneworldrunning.com) One World Running sends them to athletes in need in Africa, Latin America, and Haiti.
- 27) To donate worn-out athletic shoes: [nikereuseashoe.com](http://nikereuseashoe.com) Nike turns old shoes into playground surfaces and athletic flooring.
- 28) To donate furniture: Good Will, Salvation Army (SA will pick up large donations)
- 29) To donate working appliances: Salvation Army. Also, most stores will recycle your old appliance when you buy a new one.
- 30) To donate computers: Good Will or National Cristina Foundation [www.cristina.org](http://www.cristina.org)
- 31) To learn about composting: <http://www.vegweb.com/composting/>
- 32) Local worm source/composting kits suitable for apartment dwellers: Joan's Famous Worms - 603 428-3530
- 33) To recycle fluorescent bulbs: Real Green Goods and Rocky's Ace Hardware (Ace allows you to recycle up to six fluorescent bulbs per visit – all types).
- 34) To recycle foam packing peanuts: Check local pack-and-ship stores or [loosefillpackaging.com](http://loosefillpackaging.com) website for the Plastic Loose Fill Producers Council where you can locate a drop-off site.
- 35) To recycle foam blocks: Alliance of Foam Packaging Recyclers [www.epspackaging.org/info.html](http://www.epspackaging.org/info.html)
- 36) To recycle ink/toner cartridges: Check the post office for return envelopes or go to [www.recycleplace.com](http://www.recycleplace.com)

37) To recycles phones: Collective Good will refurbish your phone and sell it to someone in a developing country: [www.collectivegood.com](http://www.collectivegood.com) Call to Protect reprograms cell phones to dial 911 and gives them to domestic violence victims: [www.donateaphone.com](http://www.donateaphone.com)

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