

Think Before You Buy



SAVE MONEY

REDUCE WASTE

PRESERVE RESOURCES

GIVE SUSTAINABILITY A TRY

Avoiding a new purchase powerfully impacts downstream waste. Consider the following before buying new.

Do I really need this?

How often will I use this?



Is this a permanent need?

Alternatives to buying new:

- [Library of Things](#) at Summit Free Public Library
- Medical Equipment Ministry at Pluckemin Church
- Rent tools or equipment for short-term use
- Borrow from someone else

Does it need to be new?

Find pre-owned options at:

- Summit Free Market
- Book Barn
- Summit Free Public Library jewelry sale
- Consignment/thrift shops
- [Repair Cafe](#)
- Local online reuse groups
- Summit High School Thrift Shop

What else could I give as a gift?

Consider alternative gift ideas such as experiences, cash or gift cards, crafts, food, or charitable donations.

Reusable gift wrap ideas

- Gift bags
- Scarves
- Towels
- Ties or belts instead of ribbon