



Tip 6: Borrow, Rent, or Share Items Used Infrequently





Seldom-used items, like certain power tools and party goods, often collect dust, rust, take up valuable storage space, and ultimately end up in the trash. Consider renting or borrowing these items the next time they're needed. Infrequently used items also might be shared among neighbors, friends, or family. Borrowing, renting, or sharing items saves both money and natural resources.




 Rent or borrow party decorations and supplies such as tables, chairs, centerpieces, linens, dishes, and silverware.

 Rent or borrow seldom-used audiovisual equipment.

 Rent or borrow tools such as ladders, chain saws, floor buffers, rug cleaners, and garden tillers. In apartment buildings or co-ops, residents can pool resources and form "banks" to share tools or other equipment used or needed infrequently. In addition, some communities have "tool libraries" where residents can borrow equipment as needed.

 Before discarding old tools, camera equipment, or other goods, ask friends, relatives, neighbors, or community groups if they can use them.

 Share newspapers and magazines with others to extend the lives of these items and reduce the generation of waste paper.

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