

JUST SAY NO!

The best course of action is to reduce how much new waste you create. It can be tempting to want to get your hands on the latest thing, but ask yourself some questions before you splash your cash ...

Will I want it and use it three months from now?

Do I really need it?

Could I repair what we have at home or use something else instead?

Can I get it second-hand?

Could I borrow it from someone - I only need it for a short time?

USE AGAIN ... AND AGAIN, AND AGAIN

You can also reduce your waste by buying items that last longer or can be repaired, and replacing items only when *absolutely* necessary.

- ♻ Billions of regular batteries become waste after they use up their charge. Rechargeable batteries can be recharged up to 1,000 times.
- ♻ Use washable cloths rather than disposable wipes or tissues.
- ♻ Printer ink and toner cartridges can often be refilled rather than thrown away.
- ♻ Pick a phone that has a replaceable battery rather than a sealed one.
- ♻ If your old laptop is slow, get a technician to spruce up its software. Upgrading one part, such as its memory, will cost and waste far less than replacing the whole machine.
- ♻ Pick up some more reuse ideas over the next few pages!