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Have a Sustainable Summer!

Summer is finally here! Before purchasing new outfits or outdoor supplies, Zero Waste Marin would like to provide residents with some quick tips on how to safely recycle and dispose of unwanted, common household items:

Shoes & Clothing

Need to swap out your winter wardrobe to make room for summer clothing?

- Donate your clothes to local thrift stores, such as [Goodwill](#). You can claim these donations as tax deductible.
- Don't throw your textiles in the trash! Many local [retailers](#) have programs to take back your worn out or stained clothing, towels and sheets.

Kitchenware & Appliances

If it's time to get a new appliance, recycle your unwanted large and small appliances, including refrigerators, stoves, microwaves, and toasters.

- Donate old silverware, plates, cups, pots, pans and other kitchenware to [Goodwill](#).
- If your [appliances](#) are still in working condition, contact local charities such as the [Salvation Army](#) or [Habitat for Humanity](#). You'll be able to claim charitable deductions for donated appliances.
- Visit [ZeroWasteMarin.org](#) for a comprehensive list of organizations that recycle appliances or accept donations.
- For appliances that no longer work, visit [Zero Waste Marin's Electronics Information Page](#) to learn about safe disposal options or contact [your local hauler](#) to learn about their collection options.

Electronics

Planning to upgrade your personal electronics? Here are a couple of smart reuse and recycling options:

- Sell usable electronics on eBay or to a local thrift store for fast cash!
- Consider upgrading a component of your computer, such as adding additional memory or storage, to lengthen your laptop's life span.
- Recycle [used printers](#) and [ink cartridges](#) for free through programs like the [HP Computer Recycling Program](#) or through [Quill.com](#).

Books

- Donate used books that are still in good condition to local libraries, thrift shops, hospitals, and used book retailers.
- Unusable paperback books and magazines are easily recyclable. When recycling, hardcovers should be removed because the glue that holds the book together is not recyclable.

Camping

- Help reduce metal packaging waste and save money on your summer camping trips by switching to refillable fuel canisters! Learn more about refillable fuel canisters or find a local retailer on refueyourfun.org. Refillables can last up to 12 years and be refilled hundreds of times!

Zero Waste Marin works with cities and towns throughout Marin County to educate residents about waste prevention, reuse, and repair. For more information, visit ZeroWasteMarin.org.