

Fresh Start on Zero Waste

Oceanside offers year-round beautiful weather and is surrounded by a plethora of natural resources and environmental wonders. The City of Oceanside realizes the importance and value of these natural resources and strives to protect and enhance them for the enjoyment of residents, businesses and visitors alike. Start the fall season fresh with tools and guidelines on how to save precious and limited natural resources at home, in the office, and at school.

Make the choice to consume fewer resources by utilizing the following zero waste ideas:

Reduce: Reduce your children's waste at school by not using plastic baggies. Plastic bags are a primary source of litter because they are light and aerodynamic and are easily transported by wind into our local watershed. Instead of using plastic bags pack their snacks and lunches in reusable containers. There are a variety of wonderful reusable containers available online or at your local resale store.



Reuse: If you have items you no longer need or want, consider holding a garage sale to sell items that may otherwise go into the landfill. Alternatively, donate them locally for resale. It is important to keep good useable items out of the landfill. Through donation you can help someone in need in your local community.

Take the next zero waste steps at work and set up a reuse shop area where employees can take unneeded supplies rather than throwing them away. Encourage staff to exchange, sell, or give away unneeded goods for reuse. Reuse efforts save essential resources by reducing energy and raw materials required to make new items. By reusing items you can significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other forms of pollution.



Recycle: You can make recycling easier at home by placing a container for recyclables next to your kitchen waste can. When the container is full take it outside to your recycling cart. Successful recycling depends on every one of us. Waste reduction and recycling every day, at home, work and school is an easy rewarding practice.



Green Oceanside encourages you to become a better steward of the earth and protect natural resources. You can easily reduce and eliminate waste in your daily routine by making a few different choices. For more information about joining Green Oceanside on our road to zero waste please visit our website at www.greenoceanside.org.