

# GREEN & CLEAN

## TIPS FOR ECO-FRIENDLY CLEANING, DECLUTTERING & RECYCLING

Anytime is a great time of year to reclaim useful space or for sprucing things up in and around your home. Here are some helpful tips for eco-responsible ways of cleaning, decluttering, and recycling.



### MAKE *the* ROUNDS

Go room-by-room, drawer-by-drawer, closet-by-closet, and group the items that you haven't used in a while.

### DISCARD *by* RECYCLING

Expired food to use for compost  
Dated phone books, newspapers and magazines  
Broken items that can't be easily fixed

### DONATE *or* RE-SELL

One man's trash is another man's treasure! Oftentimes, there are items in the home that are a bit too valuable to throw away.

Examples Include:

Clothing, shoes, and accessories that no longer fit.  
Electronics that have been replaced: old computers, TVs, stereo equipment, cell phones, etc.

Consider giving items in good condition, but of no further use to you to your friends, family, or charitable organizations. Another idea is to re-sell your items at pawnshops or use helpful apps like:

Facebook Marketplace  
Craigslist  
OfferUp  
Decluttr  
ebay

Tradesy  
Sellcell  
Oodle  
Bookoo  
Amazon Seller Marketplace

### WHAT *to* KEEP

Take this category very seriously. Ask yourself the following questions:

- 1) Do you know what it does?
- 2) Did you even remember you have it?
- 3) Have you used it since your last move?

If you answered 'No' to any of the questions, then you should consider trashing the item or donating it.

### CLEAN USING

*Natural or Eco-friendly Products*

#### USE WHAT YOU HAVE

Your pantry or kitchen cupboards are a great starting point for a sustainable spring cleaning. You can create homemade cleansing solutions using products that you may already have, like: lemons, white vinegar, table salt, and baking soda.

To see homemade recipes, visit:  
[www.goodhousekeeping.com/home/cleaning/tips/a24885/make-at-home-cleaners](http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/home/cleaning/tips/a24885/make-at-home-cleaners)

#### BUY ECO-FRIENDLY CLEANING PRODUCTS:

Need something a bit more potent? Consider the wide variety of eco-friendly home cleaning products on the market:  
[www.wired.com/story/eco-friendly-natural-cleaning-products](http://www.wired.com/story/eco-friendly-natural-cleaning-products)



### RECYCLE

PAPER, PLASTIC, GLASS, OR TIN

Accepted items across the country vary. Ask centers and services for details.

#### Stop WISH-CYCLING

Contaminating recyclables with garbage can undo your efforts and send a whole batch of recyclables to the landfill!

#### CENTRAL TEXAS RECYCLING CENTERS

When you have too much material, curbside residential pick up service isn't available, or you have hard-to-recycle products, consider these recycling locations:

**Austin Recycle & Reuse Drop-off Center**  
2514 Business Center Dr., Austin, TX 78744  
<https://bit.ly/3dpxbqE>

**Round Rock Recycling Center**  
310 Deepwood Dr., Round Rock, TX 78681  
<https://bit.ly/3tCLJMh>

**Hays County Recycling & Solid Waste Facilities**  
Wimberley: 1691 Carney Lane, Wimberley, TX 78676  
Driftwood: 100 Darden Hill Road (CR 162), Driftwood, TX 78619  
<https://hayscountytexas.com/departments/recycling-solid-waste>