

# PRECYCLE

Precycling is the first step in the 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle' waste slogan. The word combines 'preventative' and 'recycling' or pre-thinking purchases. Recycling consumes energy usage and usually requires pure raw materials to create a secondary product. The thought behind precycling is basically questioning a purchase before the purchase is made. After practicing this method, you'll find the concept easier and automatic. Within a short time frame, you'll notice savings in both goods purchased and waste extolled. The steps to Precycle are very easy.

1. Make bulk purchases – this reduces the packaging required and saves you money, put the items in re-usable containers at home
2. Look for products wrapped in recycled packaging
3. Avoid disposable items – paper towels, napkins, paper plates, ... can all be replaced with a cloth or re-useable items
4. Bring your own bag – use your own shopping bags when making purchases

Waste minimization is a key strategy to ensuring a sustainable future. Simple steps will greatly help reduce your carbon footprint. It is estimated that at the current consumption rates, we will need raw materials from 1 ½ planets. Since we only have one planet, we need to lower our consumption rates.