

**Think REUSE daily!** Reusing is the 2<sup>nd</sup> step in waste reduction.

**REDUCE and REUSE are the two steps that should come BEFORE RECYCLING.**

“Reusables” refer to non-disposable alternatives to items you use every day – coffee cups, lunch bags, straws, tea filters and more.

### **What can you do?**

- ✓ Purchase a stainless steel or BPA plastic drink reusable container
- ✓ Purchase a hot/cold reusable cup
- ✓ Bring your own reusable bags whenever you go to the stores
- ✓ Use cloth napkins, cloth dish towels, etc...
- ✓ Bring your own lunch (& utensils) to work in reusable containers.



Visit [www.reuseit.com](http://www.reuseit.com) and Reduce, Reuse and Save!

- ✓ Donate the stuff you no longer want or need to charities, non-profits, neighbors, local library, etc... Visit [www.earth911.org](http://www.earth911.org) for specific drop off locations for specific materials.
- ✓ Host a Yard Sale

### **Think REUSE for house renovations:**

- ✓ Donate your RENOVATION MATERIALS to the Boston Resource Center at [www.bostonbmrc.org](http://www.bostonbmrc.org) and consider shopping for materials at the resource center
- ✓ Visit [www.earth911.org](http://www.earth911.org) to learn more about reuse of materials
- ✓ Register with [www.freecycle.com](http://www.freecycle.com) post (or shop) items you no longer want or need online.

Why not save money and precious resources (plastic is derived from oil) by purchasing a reuse beverage container. Did you know 80% of bottled water containers are thrown in the trash? Just reusing containers /materials leads to less trash and neighborhood litter conserving resources and saving tax payer money.

**For more information on reuse, please call Doris Burtman, Recycling Coordinator @ 781 255 9988.**