



REALWASTE
SOLUTIONS

Paper & Cardboard Recycling Tips

If you're committed to recycling, you need to think outside the square. Here are a few ideas to recycle the paper and cardboard that comes into your life on a daily basis.

Ebay and postal packaging

Fold it flat, store it beside your fridge or in a spare cupboard and reconstruct and reuse it to post gifts to your family at Christmas.

Cereal and biscuit boxes

Use your imagination to make desk organizers by gluing parts of the boxes together. If you do it well enough, they could even be used as gifts.

You've bought a new TV or other appliance.

Depending on the size, the carton can be refashioned into a playhouse or fort for your kids. A little bit of imagination and a few deft cuts with a Stanley knife will go a long way to making this box a long term, fun playhouse for your children.

RECYCLED CARDBOARD



Coffee Pod Boxes

They come in an amazing combination of colours. Save the tabs and plain portions of the boxes to use as gift tags, or use a large hole punch to pick out the best parts of the boxes to use for craft.

Don't throw out the wine cask.

Remove the bladder, flatten the cask and it will be a source of sturdy cardboard for many school and craft projects and can be stored under the cushions of your couch until needed.

Cushioning

Standing at the kitchen sink endlessly is a drag, and doing it daily is particularly hard on your feet. Instead, stand on a flattened carton. It will help to soften the impact of hard floors and will absorb any spills and water that you might make when washing up.

Small, sturdy cartons

Nestle them together, and the next time you go to the supermarket, be proud that you're eschewing their plastic bags. Pack your groceries happily in them, like they did in the old days.



There are endless uses for recycled paper in the home

RECYCLED PAPER



Total Paper recycling

If you're really into recycling, use your waste printer paper and junk mail to make your own hand crafted paper and envelopes. Instruction can be found here.

Small goods Wrapping

Save and fold the paper wrapping from your ham, bacon or chicken obtained from the deli to use in cooking. It's very absorbent and useful to drain any deep fried product. It also costs nothing.

Toilet Paper

Hmm, there's nothing much you can do with this one. However used toilet rolls split down the middle are incredibly useful in securing a roll of wrapping paper, or a cable or two. Try it. It works! If you're a parent, TP rolls have endless uses.

Shredded Paper

Consider shredding all that unused paper into garden mulch. It will cost you nothing and it will keep the weeds at bay.

Magazines – endless possibilities!

The beautiful colours and density of the paper in magazines offer endless possibilities for reuse. Consider making gorgeous beads from the paper (very easy) or folding the magazine to form a tabletop tree as your Christmas decoration.

Junk Mail.

Save your grocery junk mail and use the pictures to paste on cardboard to create a supermarket for your children.

Envelopes

Shopping lists, notepaper. It goes without saying, we all need to make lists. Clip the envelopes you receive in the mail together and use them to make lists of groceries, ideas and other stuff.

Useless or redundant print outs

Use the other side of your printer discards to print out rough drafts.

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