



Instead of throwing away items come up with creative ways to ReUSE them. Here are some ideas others have come up with:

Dryer Sheets – use them to restuff a favorite plush toy

Pictures/Cards/Plastic Lids – glue your favorite pictures of family, vacations, or even scenes from cards you’ve received to plastic lids; trim; attach ribbon for hanging; and use as ornament. You’ll have a tree full of memories.

Shower Curtains – use as drop clothes or furniture protection when painting; line your trunk when transporting bags of topsoil or other outdoor items

Aluminum Foil – when possible, wash, store, and reuse

Socks – use as polishing clothes or cleaning rags

Toothbrushes – they are just the right size to use as scrubbing brushes in tight spaces or on small items

Potato Chip Cans – the perfect size for storing paint roller pads in for reuse

Plastic Bags – use to line small trash cans; find a local organization that uses them to make mats for the homeless

Tires – make into tree swings; use as outdoor planters

Haybales – have one left over from fall decorating? Try growing strawberry plants in it

Old Clothes – hang on to a few of your favorites, they can come in handy to make a Halloween costume

Empty Jars (mayonnaise, baby food, etc) – use to store small items in the garage such as screws, nuts, bolts; or use for storing sewing items such as pieces of ribbon, snaps, needles or pins

Magazines – there are an excellent source of pictures for school reports and posters, and you save paper and ink by not reprinting from another source

TIP – when purchasing an item consider alternative uses; go for multi-taker items and avoid those that have only one purpose.

Now it's your turn.....what will you ReUSE?