

13 ITEMS

YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD

RECYCLE

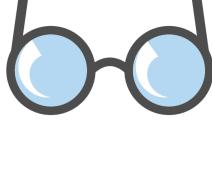


Have you always wondered what more you can do for the environment besides using a reusable water bottle and recycling old plastic grocery bags?

Here are **13 household items** you didn't know you could recycle! Spring cleaning this year just got easier and more environmentally friendly!

1. Eyeglasses

Change someone's life by donating your unwanted pairs of eyeglasses to **The Lions Club**. You can also check with your local eye care chain to see if they take donations.



2. Carpet

Check with **The Carpet America Recovery Effort** to find a local company you can donate your old carpet to.



3. Christmas Lights

If you find old Christmas lights during your spring cleaning, you can ship them to **Holiday LEDs** any time of the year for a coupon you can use on their site.



4. Tights and Stockings

Give your used tights and stockings another life as a bench, running track, or even playground equipment by donating them to **No nonsense**.



5. Toothbrushes [and other oral products]

TerraCycle and **Colgate** will take your used oral products and remold the plastic into new products.



6. Prosthetic Limbs

Standing With Hope will take your used prosthetic limbs, recycle the parts, and send them to someone overseas.



7. Pet fur

Reuse your pet fur in your compost to help your plants and vegetables grow. You can also send it (and your own hair) to **Matter of Trust**, and they will repurpose your donated pet fur or hair into mats to clean up oil spills.



8. Bras

Donate your used or unused bras to **The Bra Recyclers**. The organization will either recycle your bras or distribute them to women in need all over the world.



9. Brita water products

TerraCycle and **Brita** will take all of your Brita water products and repurpose them into things like water cans, bike racks, and outdoor chairs!



10. Motor Oil

Did you know that two gallons of used oil can be repurposed to generate enough electricity to run a household for 24 hours? If you change your car's oil yourself, make sure to visit **RecycleOil.org** to find your nearest recycling center.



11. Tennis balls

There are many ways you can recycle used tennis balls: give them to your dog as a toy, use in dryer to dry wet clothes faster, and send them to **Project Green Ball** which grinds them up and turns them into flooring.



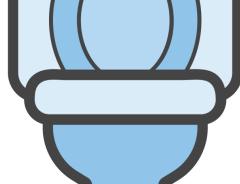
12. Keys

Donate your old, unused keys to **Key For Hope**, which sells them to local recycling center and donates the money to the food distribution center of your choice.



13. Toilets

If your toilet is still in good shape, you can donate it to **Habitat Restores**. If not, contact your local recycling program or fill yard. They will crush old toilets and other porcelain fixtures and use it as concrete for roads and sidewalks.



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