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Reduce Waste Before It Starts

- Look at your trash – what’s it mostly made up of?
- Buy supplies and office products in bulk, with less shrink wrap and packaging
- Work with suppliers to reduce packaging and offer products that are not over-packaged
- Encourage use of reusable containers and shopping bags
- Save hangers for reuse
- Take back hangers from customers
- Require suppliers to take their pallets back
- Reuse crates, boxes, baskets, and pails as many times as possible
- Repurpose or donate displays
- Reduce ordering large quantities of products that have expiration dates

Daily Activity

- Minimize excessive packaging when a customer makes a purchase
- Ask customers if they really need a bag for small purchases
- Encourage customers to use reusable containers or shopping bags
- Send receipts by email instead of printing receipts
- Write daily/weekly sales on dry erase boards instead of using paper signs
- When printing, be sure to use double-sided printing
- Place recycling bins at your store for customers and employees

Behind the Scenes

- Educate employees about reducing waste
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- Instead of printing, use online catalogs, social media and e-newsletters.
- Outdated merchandise can be donated or recycled.
- Consider a space-saving cardboard baler to make it easier to store and recycle large amounts of cardboard boxes