

Plastic & Packaging



Zero waste? More like zero haste!

How to reduce your unnecessary plastic and packaging waste

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Key Principles of Plastic and Packaging

Plastics have unfortunately become an integral part of our society – from food storage, single use containers, bags, and etc. Being able to consciously omit plastics and packaging from your daily life will help lessen your own footprint on the environment. Plastic and packaging have accumulated on our earth, manifesting in things like the great pacific garbage patch. Plastics may take up to 1,000 years to decompose in a landfill, so when they get into our environment they cause harm to the ecosystem. The city of Fort Collins made it a goal in 1999 to divert 50% of its waste from landfills. In 2016 it was found that 51.1% diversion rate, meaning these materials were either recycled or composted instead (City of Fort Collins). Small changes in your daily habits will be beneficial for you and your community in the long run, and it may even inspire those around you to do the same!

Virtual Resources for Plastic and Packaging

Reusable bags - can be purchased at any grocery store

Reusable coffee mugs - May be purchased at any local coffee shop (you might even get a discount for using it!)

[Alternatives to plastic packaging-](#) This website offers 6 easy and inexpensive alternatives to plastic packaging, like using beeswax wrap/ other alternative, compostable wraps instead of plastic bags, and much more!

Local Fort Collins Area Resources for Plastic and Packaging

The city of Fort Collins has an abundance of resources for alternatives for plastic and packaging embedded into multiple company initiatives. Hygge Habit is a great place that focuses on intentional and sustainable consumption principles, they offer a zero waste refill bar for everyday household and personal care that includes hair, skin, body, and home care. Another company that encompasses zero waste is Rocky Mountain Box Company where they offer pickup and delivery of rented "sturdy, plastic eco-totes" for residential and commercial use throughout Denver, Boulder, and Northern Colorado.

