

Shopping to Reduce Waste

This is Dave from Vilas County Zoning & Planning with some tips for reducing waste when shopping.

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Limit the use of disposable containers. Reusable bags can be used when shopping or traveling instead of paper or plastic bags.

Buy used when possible. There are thrift stores in almost every community, and the Internet is a powerful tool for finding just the right previously loved item for whatever you need.

Did you know that packaging makes up approximately 30% of trash by weight and 50% of trash by volume? Buying food and dry goods in bulk when possible will help reduce waste and help save you money. But be careful when shopping because some bulk items are just large containers of individually wrapped items.

There are tons of other ways to keep tons of trash out of circulation. For more helpful tips to reduce household waste, contact the Vilas County Zoning Department or go to www.vilascountyzoning.com and click on the “Solid Waste and Recycling” tab.