



**Bath gel or bubble bath:** Use to launder your hand washables.

**Baby Wipe Containers:** Use to store and organize arts and crafts supplies, sewing thread and needles, office supplies, pencils, pens, etc.

**Binders - 3-Ring:** Fill them with inexpensive three-ring plastic inserts and organize recipes, CDs, takeout menus, craft ideas or important family papers.

**Old Blankets:** Place in the trunk of your car for emergencies. Use for picnics, concerts, visits to the beach.

**Plastic Beverage Bottles:** Fill the with water and freeze to use in coolers or lunch boxes to keep items cool. Leave some room in the bottle for the water to expand when it freezes. Insert liter bottles into tall boots to retain their shape and keep them upright in your closet.

**Ketchup bottle:** Fill it with pancake batter for simplified pouring. Use to store your own homemade sauces and condiments.

**Tall wastebasket or trashcan:** House rolls of wrapping paper. Use hair scrunchies around the rolls instead of rubber bands which can dry and break. Store your umbrellas by the door.

**Worn or mismatched socks:** Put socks on your hands for dusting, for washing the car or a bicycle, for polishing silver or brass. Store delicate holiday ornaments. Stuff the insides of shoes so they don't lose their shape in storage.



**Leftover soap slivers:** Place in a large zip top plastic bag. Use a hammer to smash the bars into small pieces, and then close the bag. Poke several small holes in the bag with a pin and toss the bag into storage bins with clothes. The soap will repel moths and other insects, and keep clothes smelling fresh.

**Dry Cleaning Bags:** Use to pack suits, dresses and fine clothing when traveling, this will help protect it from wrinkles when packing.

**Coffee filters:** Use as disposable bowls for snacks. Slide the wooden stick of an ice pop through a coffee filter so your hands stay mess-free. Use as eyeglass cleaners.

# REPURPOSE IT!

**Egg slicer:** Use to slice strawberries and mushrooms.

**Eyeglasses:** Remove the lenses and use for costumes. Have your optometrist make them into sunglasses. Save the screws in case you lose them from your current glasses. Save old ones and use them when doing messy work. Donate to an organization which takes old eyeglasses and puts new lenses in for people who cannot afford to buy new pairs.

**Fabric Softener Sheets:** Reuse in your sock or underwear drawer to keep your clothes smelling fresh. Tear the sheets in half before using in the dryer to reduce the number of sheets you use. Place inside shoes or gym bags to keep them smelling fresh.

**Film Canisters:** Store thumbtacks, rubber bands, paper clips, etc. Fill with quarters and put in your child's backpack for emergency phone calls. Use for mixing small portions of paint. Cut a slit in the side and you have a holder for a roll of stamps.

**Flowerpots:** A small one with a drainage hole and drip tray makes an attractive container for sponges, pot scrapers and handled dish scrubbers in the kitchen.

**Garden Hose:** Poke holes throughout the length of the hose and make it into a soaker hose or sprinkler for kids. Use to tie up a young tree for support.

**Greeting Cards:** Cut off the side with the picture and reuse as a post card. Use in your scrapbooks as decorative embellishments.

**Jars - Small:** Use for starting plants indoors. Insert a wick and fill with wax to make your own candle. Use for storing excess seeds.

**Jars - Large:** Store homemade soups. Store homemade cookies in the freezer. They will be protected from breakage and easily visible. Store your razor in a small, covered jar immersed in alcohol to prevent oxidization of the blade. It will stay sharp longer.

**Laundry Baskets:** Use as a recycling basket for curbside pickup. Line with a blanket and use as a pet's bed. Use to store children's toys in a closet. Keep in the trunk of your car to keep groceries together.

**Lifesavers:** Place lifesavers on top of your cake or cupcake and put the candle through the hole. The candle will stay upright and add just a bit more decoration. Marshmallows work well, too.



**Lunchboxes:** Fill with glue, crayons, scissors, etc. for a portable arts and crafts box. Fill with dages, gauze, etc. and keep it in your car as a first-aid kit. Keep sewing supplies inside it. Use it for storage of children's audio tapes, CDs, or video game cartridges.

**Metal Mint and Candy Tins:** Use for travel sewing kit to store memory cards for cameras or video games.

**Newspaper:** Deodorize food containers. Stuff a ball of newspaper into a lunch box or thermos and leave overnight. Line the refrigerator vegetable drawer to keep it free of smells. Dip it into a mixture of equal part vinegar and warm water to clean windows. Clear an area in your garden, lay several sheets of newspaper down, and spread mulch on top of it to keep weeds from coming through.

**Plastic deli lunch meat tub:** Use to store a single serving pack for a lunch. Use to store crayons or markers.

**Plastic Shoeboxes:** Use to keep fruit cups and apples, condiments, yogurts, cream cheese and any other perishable items in one easily accessible place. Use to store canned goods in the cupboard.

**Pools - Children's Plastic:** Fill with water and let your child play in it on hot summer days. Flip it over and use for covering small plants from the frost as a sandbox. Flip it over and use it for a dog box cover. Use as an outdoor dog bath. Line with a blanket and use as a pet bed.



**Suitcase:** Use for storage of children's toys, store out-of-season clothing. Use to store day ornaments or valued mementos. Store pillows, sheets, blankets and towels you keep on hand for overnight guests.

**Old tennis shoes:** Send to Nike so the rubber can be recycled into new playgrounds.

**Wrapping paper-** Used: Put it through your shredder as gift bag stuffing.