

Why reuse?

Reuse is about valuing our stuff, by using and reusing it for as long and as often as possible. This avoids the need to extract raw materials, manufacture and distribute new stuff, and avoids waste thereby cutting down on greenhouse gas emissions.

Reuse Month 2019

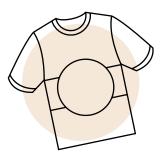
National Reuse Month 2019's aim was to inspire you and provide you with the skills and tools to reuse more At Home, At Work, and At Play. For example, you may have already reused by getting shoes resoled rather than replacing them, or borrowing books from the library. To cut down on waste and greenhouse gas emissions, we asked everyone to go further in October and beyond by prioritising repair, buying second hand and upcycled, borrowing, swapping and refilling.

Looking for ways to take simple action? Try the following:



Repair and Revive

- Fix or clean up what you already have.
- Try repairmystuff.ie for local repair help.
- Learn to fix & upcycle



Buy pre-loved or upcycled

- Find pre-loved at your local charity shop, social enterprise, vintage shop or market
- Design with upcycled goods.



Borrow, Rent or share it

- Doing some DIY? Having a party? Borrow or rent gear you won't use often.
- Alternatively, try sharing equipment you don't use with friends, family or community.



BYO B&C

- Bring your own reusable coffee cup/ water bottle to the office or sports.
- Bring your own bags & containers when shopping.

How to be a reuser at home

Buy (or donate)

Buy (or donate) pre-loved instead of new with Irish Charity Shops; social enterprises (Limerick, Cork, Kerry, Longford), Babymarket, vintage stores & markets

Repair or revive

Repair or revive appliances with an authorised repair person, the Repair Directory or local sources

Swap

Swap anything, even the kitchen sink, for free on FreeTrade, WeShare, or at a swapsie event, or trade with Adverts, Done Deal & Facebook groups



Borrow

Borrow cookbooks or infrequently used items, like ice cream makers. Try your local library, WeShare, a family member or neighbour, or lease it with Tryilo

Refill

Refill reusable containers & bags when shopping or packing food for on the go

Upcycle

Upcycle exisiting or buy upcycled for that special touch. Try social enterprises (Dublin, Limerick, Cork, Kerry, Longford)







