

Lakers Lions Recycling - 2022

Long-Range Solutions

Why are bananas sold in a bunch with a piece of tape, while other items are packed in clear plastic shells? Do toothbrushes really need to be completely encased in hard plastic *and* shiny cardboard? Do all Amazon packages need inner and outer boxes plus bubble wrap? Old-fashioned routines may be a great way to move forward. Consider:

1. Loose produce not wrapped in plastic. Which stores do this?
2. Personal take-out containers (and, compostable containers *can* be supplied by local restaurants for customers). Insulated (reusable) water bottles and coffee mugs (allowed again). Personal cloth and plastic-lined cloth bags, produce bags. (Aldi's is soon eliminating all plastic bags).
3. Use sturdy boxes over & over (recycling drop-sites don't allow materials in plastic bags). Find container choices, ex: large vs multiple small containers, eggs, apples, salad mix.
4. Look for returnable boxes, egg cartons (local suppliers), garden pots (ACE), etc.
5. The Bags-to-Benches program, since plastic bags will not be completely eliminated.
6. Paint Care (ACE), CSA's, what else?
7. Educate ourselves and others on food waste, composting, canning/freezing, food sharing.
8. "Up-Cycle
9. Go to Clothing Swaps or used clothing/home stores
10. ASK - grocery store for filtered water station
online stores for recyclable packaging
restaurants for compostable containers
11. Find and use drop-off sites for recyclable materials