

The Gainesville Zero Waste News

Reuse Outlet Shopping Is Practical & Environmentally Friendly

Gainesville is fortunate to have multiple reuse outlets where household items can be purchased at a fraction of the cost of new items. Buying reused goods, especially from local thrift stores, supports our local businesses and communities. A few of our most visited centers include [Reuse Planet](#), [The Repurpose Project](#), [Habitat For Humanity ReStore](#), [Haven Hospice Attic](#), [Goodwill](#) stores, and the [Humane Society Thrift Store](#).

- **Buying used goods is both a practical and environmentally friendly choice.** Typically, reused items are more affordable than buying new. You can often find high-quality, well-maintained products at a fraction of the cost of their new counterparts, allowing you to stay within a tight budget. Also, buying reused significantly reduces the demand for new resources because every item reused means one less thing ending up in a landfill.
- **Most reused goods have already stood the test of time and proven their durability.** Older items are often built with superior craftsmanship and higher-quality materials compared to some newer, mass-produced items. This can result in more durable and long-lasting items, ensuring better value for your money.
- **Reused goods might include unique or vintage pieces that bring character and individuality to your space.** These items can add personality and a sense of history to your home. For the DIY enthusiast, you can personalize items by giving them new life with a fresh coat of paint, new hardware, or other modifications.



For a list of local reuse outlets where items can be purchased and donated, visit our [Zero Waste Wizard](#).

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