

The Gainesville Zero Waste News

Bringing Zero Waste On the Road

While it may seem challenging to maintain eco-friendly practices while traveling, there are numerous ways to minimize waste by incorporating simple strategies into our travel routines.

1. **Minimize plastic waste by avoiding single-use items** such as water bottles, straws, plastic bags, and disposable cutlery. Be sure to pack a refillable water bottle and reusable bag for shopping and collecting souvenirs.
2. **Reduce food waste when traveling by planning out your meals**, opting for local, fresh, unpackaged food at farmers' markets. Ask for smaller portions when dining out to avoid uneaten food, and bring along a reusable storage container to put leftovers in.
3. **Consider assembling a Zero Waste Travel Kit** that can include reusable items such as a stainless steel drinking straw, wooden chopsticks or spork, a cloth napkin, and other items mentioned above.

You don't have to be perfect when traveling, but you'll quickly find the joy in saying no to single-use items and generating less waste.

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