

2021 Required Newsletter Article

Online shopping to save your wallet and the planet

The average Dakota County resident creates 2,180 pounds of waste each year. Reduce the amount we toss by buying used. Donating and shopping at secondhand stores saves you money, supports local businesses and helps you create unique style. Buying used has an added benefit: it keeps our air and water clean and saves natural resources by not having to make new products.

You can go beyond brick-and-mortar stores to find what you need and get rid of what you don't. Use online outlets to save the planet and your wallet.

- NextDoor.com – look in the “For Sale” section
- Facebook.com - for neighborhood buy/sell groups and Marketplace
- Craigslist.com
- E-bay.com - choose “used” as a filter option
- Amazon.com - choose “used” as a filter option
- thredUP.com - for women and kid clothing and accessories

Use a safe site to exchange in person like a Swap Spot at the police or Sheriff departments. Get tips for selling and buying used in the Dakota County Reuse Guide at www.dakotacounty.us, search *reuse guide*.

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