

# Helpful Tips To Keep Recycling All Summer

Summer is finally upon us! Many of us will be hitting the road for that long awaited vacation, or setting up the backyard for family fun and barbeques. A few easy tips can help us all continue to reduce, reuse, and recycle throughout the summer months of fun.



## BBQ season!

Summer is the time we look forward to for having friends and family together to enjoy backyard games, pool parties and barbeques. At your next party set the table with reusable dinnerware instead of disposable. While setting up for your party, don't forget to set out the recycling bin, clearly labeled, next to the trash. You'll be surprised how many recyclables you will collect.



## Heading out for a picnic!

Who doesn't love packing up a lunch and heading out to a park for a picnic on a warm summer day? Instead of plastic baggies use reusable containers for snacks and sandwiches. Try an insulated reusable thermos for drinks. It will keep that lemonade or water icy cold!



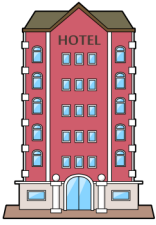
## Road Trip!

Many of us wait all year for that family vacation. There is one side affect from packing the whole family in the car, which is the trash accumulation that happens by the time you arrive at your destination. Before hitting the road, grab two bags for the car. Place all the empty cans, or plastic beverage bottles in one and keep the trash in the other. At your next rest stop look for a recycling receptacle to dispose of the collected beverage containers. Also packing your own snacks in reusable containers will cut down on all the little wrappers from the individually wrapped snacks.



## Time to Mow!

Instead of taking extra time to clean up those grass clippings, leave them! Let Mother Nature recycle them for you! The clippings will return nutrients and moisture to the soil. If you do decide to collect the clippings, why not use them and start composting. Composting yard waste and certain food waste is a great way to reduce your trash and will give you nutrient rich soil for gardening.



## **Hotel Time!**

While vacationing, many of us will be staying in hotels across the country. A large number of hotels now ask that their guests try and reduce water usage by reusing their bath towels, when able to. Especially during the summer months, when drought conditions are prevalent. Why not help reduce excess water use whenever possible, even on vacation.

For more information on recycling visit our website at [www.dutchessny.gov/solidwaste](http://www.dutchessny.gov/solidwaste)

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