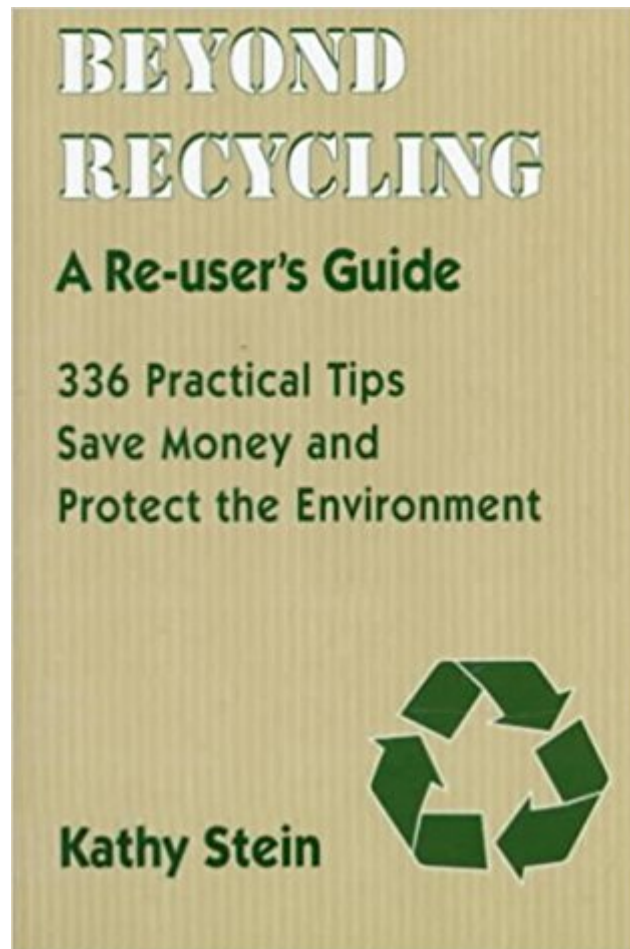


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# **Beyond Recycling: A Re-user's Guide: 336 Practical Tips To Save Money And Protect The Environment**



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"Kathy Stein's ideas and suggestions are not just good for the environment, they're great for your wallet, too. That's a win-win combination anybody can live with. By highlighting the need to re-use, Ms. Stein is one of the first authors to confront the real environmental issue facing our society -- the need to consume less, not just recycle more". (Bob Lilienfeld, Editor, The Use Less Stuff Report)"This volume is information rich, thoughtfully organized and highly useful". (Melissa Everett, Global Action Plan)Kathy Stein's convenient guide describes 336 simple, practical ways to re-use 70 types of common products -- most of them not recyclable and currently adding to our already overflowing landfills. This book also helps readers locate businesses and non-profit organizations that re-use a wide range of products, as well as outlets for re-usable products. Beyond Recycling offers specifics on dozens of ways for consumers to save money, including new uses for old products, low-cost alternatives to disposables, and tips on maintaining appliances, vehicles, computers, and furnishings. A guide for the nineties, Beyond Recycling shows how to save money through common-sense choices that contribute to a sustainable lifestyle.

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During the course of researching an upcoming book on environmental issues, I've been required to read a number of practical guides on saving money while protecting the environment. Many of these books follow the same cookie-cutter format: group the advice into themes, for example, room-by-room; begin each entry with a vague overview of the dilemma; present advice to help stem

the problem; and conclude by offering a list of additional resources. "Beyond Recycling" is no exception: its tips are grouped in an encyclopedic format, with entries organized A to Z; each section begins by briefly describing the environmental issue in one to four short paragraphs, then counters with several tips to help combat the problem; and usually ends with a few "Helpful Resources" that interested readers can follow up on. The author succeeds in providing her audience with "336 Practical Tips" to "Save Money and Protect the Environment." The book is a good resource for those who want quick, practical, and efficient tips to conserve cash and help the planet. The entries are nicely organized so that information can be found quickly and without much searching. Although the grouping of the tips is self-explanatory, Ms. Stein really should have included an index as well, as some of the advice could be given more than one title, and some of the entries deal with more than one issue/activity. However, this is a minor point, particularly since the volume is relatively short and straightforward. A bigger complaint I have with this guide (and most other environmental "how-to" books) is the author's failure to document her claims.

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