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Happy February! We hope your New Year is still off to a great start. Also, if you celebrate, we hope you have a nice Valentine's Day (with lots of chocolate, of course).

As we continue into 2022, we are also covering more 'Rs' in our 12 Rs of 2022 resolution! This issue we'll be discussing Reuse, one of our personal favorites.

Reuse

Now that we've covered 'reduce,' we can cover reuse! Reuse is different from recycling because it doesn't transform the item into something new. For example: you finish a jar of pickles. The jar is a wonderful, sturdy glass one with a nice lid. You think to yourself, "I could use this to hold some flowers!" so you use the jar for the same purpose it was intended for.



**REUSE IS A
SUPERPOWER**

Pictured: an empty glass jar is used to hold a bouquet of flowers with the words "Reuse is a superpower" in blue underneath

Reuse is a superpower - there are lots of ways to reuse the items which are labeled as "disposable." Get creative and have fun! By reusing, we can keep items out of the landfill. That paper bag you got when you went shopping can be used to wrap a birthday gift. Then a Christmas gift. Then it can be used again for another shopping trip.

Here are some suggestions for reusing:

- Reuse take-out containers for leftovers at home, or for added storage
- Save glass jars to use for spices, flour, or baking supplies
- Wash your Ziploc bags after using them to be used again and again!
- Reuse metal, glass, or even disposable water bottles
- Use old bandanas as decorative napkins or reusable rags
- Host a clothing swap: bring your unwanted, donatable clothing and accessories to swap with friends and family. Whatever's left can be donated!
- Wash + save disposable silverware and cups to be reused for parties and gatherings

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Community News

Trojan Horse Antiques

In 2007, Astri Bryce, the owner of Trojan Horse Antiques, ran out of room for all the items she had collected over the years - it was time to find new homes for them. Trojan Horse Antiques, at 4 3rd Street, was born.

Bryce grew up with antiques, and loved asking questions like, "What was this? How old was this? Who used this?" Her mission is to fill her customer's needs by finding old, vintage, and unique pieces and giving people the option of not buying new.

"There's a need for this." Bryce said. "Seeing the value in older pieces, the quality, the craftsmanship, the cost - the value is there. People can find anything they're looking for. Please take the time; I can find you anything you need without you buying something new."



Pictured: a chair with light gray upholstery and natural wood legs.

Trojan Horse Antiques mainly offers furniture, lighting, and rugs. In 2018, the Environmental Protection Agency estimated 80% of furniture was sent to the landfill. So what would happen if we started buying used?

"There's so much we can use that's old. Or vintage. Or used, or antique." Bryce said.

A large part of Trojan Horse Antiques' items come from local estate sales. Antique owners contact Bryce to ask for help selling their items.

To make sure your furniture lives a long life, Bryce has several recommendations. "When it comes to furniture, we recommend dusting it. There are so many products out there, and you can use a good moisturizing spray, furniture polish."

Bryce also recommends keeping items like wood furniture out of direct sunlight; wood expands and contracts with temperature changes, so over time it can damage your pieces.



Pictured: a distressed, tall, white cabinet with glass shelving and decorative glass and silverware.

Ultimately, Bryce has one vital piece of advice: "Be careful with things. Although it's an antique, you want it to be part of your everyday life." Bryce said.

Starting in the first weekend of February, Trojan Horse Antiques is hoping to open their room at the Atrium for antiques browsing and purchase. The room is near the entrance on Fulton Street. Their main store is open for Winter hours, Thursday through Sunday. You can also follow them on Instagram - @trojanhorseantiques - or visit their page on Facebook by searching their name.

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TO ALL TROY RESIDENTS WITH MUNICIPAL COLLECTION SERVICES: we have an app! Search 'Clean Up Troy' in the app store to download it for your iOS or Android device.



*Pictured: logo for CleanUpTroy app;
Uncle Sam's hat
with recycling symbol
and the TROY, NY logo.*

Features:

- Enter your address to view your collection calendar
- Sign-up for notifications and be the first to know if there are changes to your collection schedule
- Look up items and/or products in our Waste Wizard to see if they should go in the recycling bin, donation bin, trash, or somewhere else
- Put your knowledge to the test by sorting items into recycling, compost, bulk pickup and trash in our sorting game
- Looking for resources on all things reuse and recycling? Check out our 'resources' tab for more information

Follow us on Facebook! We have even more content on our page, including the topics we cover in our newsletter each month. **Our handle is @CleanUpTroy. Help spread the word by sharing our page, or our posts!**



Did someone say reusable bags?

To all nonprofit or community/neighborhood organizations: we've got boxes of bags! If your organization is interested in receiving 1-100 reusable bags (in a variety of colors), please contact us at recycling@troyny.gov or call (518) 279-7171 to arrange a pick-up.

Upcoming Events

COMMUNITY-BASED SUSTAINABLE EVENTS

RECYCLING AND RESOURCE MGMT. TEAM AT FARMER'S MARKET

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 9 - 2

FOOD SCRAPS DROP-OFFS - TROY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

THURSDAYS, 9 TO 1

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