

## Recycling or Unicycling

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(This project has nothing to do with unicycles so off you go– you one wheeled bike clowns. shoooooooo.)

Have you ever gotten to the sneaker aisle in the mall and thought “ That is a crisp pair of Jay’s where am I gonna get the green to pay for that?” They are crisp and they cost \$240 plus \$3.00 of tax. That's a steep price to pay for a Jay! May day, may day ain't no one gonna pay that accept Paylay. Or Dr. Dre, or William Gay. But do not fret, you will case your feet in a Jordan Carhartt yet. So many shoes and clothing are burned after they were thrown in the trash. And while this is happening children and adults are living on the street with dirty ripped and tattered clothing. I hope you feel proud of yourself. But oh hey! There is a solution to both the problems.

1. There are used shoe stores. I know it isn't gonna be that fresh J you were hoping for but it's pretty close.
2. If you don't wanna deal with mud stains or smelly shoes just get shoes made out of recycled materials. I bet you can't guess which one of these J’s are recycled material.



All you particular sneakerheads can't tell which one of these are recycled.

Also when you go to buy new clothes try going to Salvation Army or Forever 21, I know they may not be the most “Bruh trendy uwu omg smh lol brb” type stores but the clothes there are used and or made of recycled materials so you are helping the world in your own small way. But like the book, Pay It Forward (by Catherine Ryan Hyde), if enough people get good stuff from these types of stores, they will spread the word and more people will buy from there. It is an endless loop of good.

Also even if you use the recycling it will probably go to the landfill, so try to use something to the fullest and then take it to a recycling plant where it will have a chance to become something new. Try to recycle and you will help the planet, also don't buy lots of snack foods with non biodegradable wrappings. I personally like the Three Musketeers but I have been eating them less and less over the years. Instead of buying Coca Cola in a plastic bottle buy it in an aluminum can it "can" be reused and recycled into another "can".

Also try to run errands all at the same time, you will release less toxic gasoline into the environment till the time you get an electric car. Also (I am saying also a lot) try not to buy more than you need. I swear I met some people with an apartment with a closet filled with shoes. It is absolutely absurd, I have two pairs of shoes and a pair of boots, that's it. You don't need a closet for just shoes.

And also try dumpster diving behind the mall. I have a family friend who dumpster dives and he finds fresh boots and jackets that are thrown for the dumbest reasons. Full down coats, fur filled snow boots, sneakers, the works. It is absolutely atrocious that companies throw this gold out. They could be giving it to the homeless instead of throwing it out just because it got a smudge of purple paint on it. Just try it, I got a friend who was dumpster diving behind Gamestop, and he finds fresh controllers and games for free. This man has a collection of a couple thousand video games.

This whole essay is just a reminder of all the waste in this world and how you can reuse it. The man from the paragraph has saved like 50k on games just by dumpster diving. You can change the world and do the things you love. It is possible so try it and ye shall most likely succeed!