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Why Go Reusable?

The Problem

Plastic has become such a fact of life in our world that we don't even notice it anymore. It's used for thousands of purposes, and is supposed to be 'disposable,' but it isn't. Plastic waste could take over a thousand years to decompose, and it ends up in our landfills and oceans. Over a million tons of plastic is dumped into the ocean every year, killing hundreds of thousands of marine animals and aquatic birds.

What Can You Do?

You can help reduce how much plastic gets put into the ocean, by choosing to bring your own reusable packaging to these stores and establishments, and reducing the need for plastic waste.



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Restaurants

As of June 12th, 2020, Vancouver Coastal Health is working on an initiative to allow reusable takeout containers. Once it launches, restaurants will be able to allow customers to bring in their own reusable containers for takeout orders. However, it is possible to bring your own containers to most restaurants and take your leftovers home, as long as you transfer your own food from plate to container at the table.



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Grocery Stores

Nada-

This grocery store provides food without packaging. Customers are encouraged to bring their own containers to fill up with groceries. The store sells a wide variety of items, including produce, frozen foods, deli items, dry and baked goods, and even cleaning supplies.

Location: 675 East Broadway, Vancouver, British Columbia





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Clothing Stores



Value Village- Value Village's mission is to reuse. This thrift store sells clothing and other donated items. Even during a pandemic, you can put your items in your reusable packaging at the selfcheckout.

> Value Village has locations in Surrey, Coquitlam, and Burnaby.





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Other Retail

Ayoub's Dried Fruits and Nuts-

This store encourages you to bring your own reusable bags to hold a variety of fruit and nut mixes.

Location: 1332 Lonsdale Ave, North Vancouver



Lush-

Lush sells a variety of soaps and hygiene products that can come from no packaging, packaging you can return which will be recycled into new packaging, or reusable packaging.

Location: 1020 Robson St, Vancouver





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The Soap
Dispensary-

The Soap Dispensary is a store in Vancouver that sells refills of soaps, hygiene products, and cleaning supplies. Customers are encouraged to bring their own reusable containers.

Location: 3718 Main Street, Vancouver





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Is there a store we missed? Let us know, and we'll include it!

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