

Closing The Loop:

A GUIDE TO REUSING IN AND AROUND HINGHAM

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Why buy used?

Choosing to buy used goods has many benefits, both for the environment and for your wallet. By choosing to buy used, you can:



- **reduce your carbon footprint** since the raw materials and energy used to produce and package these items is significantly reduced.
- **support small businesses** and the “reuse economy,” which accounts for 2% of all statewide businesses and 1% of employment.
- help move Massachusetts toward its goal of a [zero waste future](#).
- **get a great deal** on like-new or gently-used items.

Sources of Free Used Items

Hingham Public Library’s “[Library of Things](#)”

The library is a great source for special project items, such as sewing machines, telescopes, paper shredders, tools, karaoke machines, video game consoles, and so much more. Items are listed under the “Technology” section of the “Borrowing” tab.



The “[Swap Shop](#)” at the Hingham Transfer Station

Home goods, sporting equipment, books, appliances, and more!

Open to Hingham residents with a transfer station sticker, Thursday - Sunday 10am-2pm, weather permitting.

Buy Nothing Hingham & Hull and Buy Nothing South Shore

With almost 5,000 combined members, these Facebook groups are an easy place to connect with neighbors looking to give and receive everyday items.

143 Exchange

Children’s, teen, and adult clothing exchange in Cohasset. You don’t need to contribute in order to take something great home. Watch their Instagram account ([@143exchange](#)) for information on their latest events and pop ups.



Sources of Used Items For Sale



Designer Consignor // 95 South Street, Hingham

In business for over 18 years, this shop offers designer high-end clothes and accessories at discounted prices.

Guild Consignment Center // Hingham Congregational Church, 378 Main Street, Hingham

This shop offers affordable, quality clothing and home furnishing. All revenues from the shop are donated to a wide-reaching group of local charities.

Re.Style Consignors // 152 King Street, Cohasset

Cozy shop specializing in women’s clothing and accessories as well as small home furnishings and decor.

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ZERO Refills // 130 King Street, Cohasset

Reduce your plastic footprint by refilling your empty, reusable bottles (also available for purchase) with cleaning and personal care products, including all-purpose cleaners, hand soaps, laundry detergents, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, and more.

Second2None // 2053 Washington Street, Hanover

Designer clothing and accessories in a large store format. Don't miss the back room for great deals on furniture and home goods.

Take 2 Thrift Shop // 120 Columbia Road, Hanover

From children's toys to small appliances, from home decorations to sporting equipment, from knick knacks to clothes for the entire family, Take 2 offers a wide range of quality donated items for sale. This shop is run by the Cardinal Cushing Center and staffed by students.

Off The Rack // 39 Washington Street, Norwell

Women's, men's, and children's clothing and accessories with in-store or [online shopping](#).

Wellspring // 814 Nantasket Avenue, Hull and 409 Washington Street, Weymouth

Wellspring offers gently used and affordable clothing, furniture, jewelry, household items, toys, books, art and more. All revenue generated from thrift shop sales directly funds Wellspring programs and services.

Family Sports Consignments // 46 Columbia Road, Pembroke

Specializing in gently used sporting goods for all ages.

The Reuse Center at Boston Building Resources // 100 Terrace Street, Boston, MA

Source for great bargains on home improvement and renovation materials, including gently used full cabinet sets, appliances, windows, doors, sinks, and flooring. All materials have been donated, and most are one of a kind. Visit the website for online shopping: <https://www.bostonbuildingresources.com/reuse-center-products>.



A zero waste future depends on incorporating the "5 R's" into our daily lives. Making the decision to buy used goods enables you to **refuse** new items and the energy involved in their production, packaging, and shipping, **reduce** the amount of items being landfilled or incinerated, and **reuse** items that may otherwise be thrown away. And with all the great options we have around the South Shore, it's fun too!

This message is brought to you by Cleaner Greener Hingham, the volunteer Town committee focused on issues related to waste disposal and recycling. To learn more about our work, visit

<https://www.hingham-ma.gov/537/Cleaner-Greener-Hingham>.

We welcome your questions and comments and can be reached at cleanergreener@hingham-ma.gov.