

# RE-USE/REPAIR IN POLAND

Some products, even those sold and designed to be disposable, can be reused without too much processing. This reduces the need to buy more products, which means less waste. Moreover, this principle reminds us that it is possible to reuse already used objects in a different, creative way, which extends their life and builds a culture of producing less waste, even those that can be upcycled and recycled - it must be remembered that every recycling process requires energy and there are losses in it.

The REUSE rule focuses on extending the life of the product.

## WHAT EXACTLY CAN WE DO?

If things break, repair them or have them repaired. Upcycle items you would otherwise throw away. Buy second hand and give back things you don't need anymore. Remember: some things you don't have to actually own, it's enough to have a possibility to borrow (i.e. movies, music, books, tools, or even cars or office space).

## REPAIR!

One of the most important principles of Zero Waste is to repair. During the year we buy so many things that we don't have enough space for them - in the kitchen, wardrobes, bathroom, desk... We explain ourselves by the lack of time to repair, and in fact often we can't simply stop buying new clothes or equipment.

Best practices:

Older furniture that has lost its appearance can once again amaze you if you just take a

moment and instead of buying new ones, you'll refresh the ones you liked so much.

The problem of electro-waste disposal and the waste of working laptops is more and more often addressed by companies dealing with electronic renewal (REFURBISHING). Thanks to their actions, equipment has a chance to gain a new life, instead of going to landfill prematurely. Both the sale and purchase of refurbished post-leasing laptops allow to take care of the environment. When a device is reused, the Earth does not lose resources used in the production of new electronics and is not polluted with new waste. It should be remembered that by purchasing refurbished post-leasing computers, you can gain a device that complies with current technological standards and at the same time reduce your carbon footprint, i.e. the total amount of greenhouse gas emissions caused directly or indirectly by a given person. Buying post-leasing laptops - proven, refreshed and ready for re-use - doesn't mean buying obsolete equipment. Most devices are high-end computers with a business background, much more efficient than many of the new models on their price list. Interestingly, often renewed electronics turn out to be less reliable than a completely new product. Although it may seem strange, the explanation for this is quite simple. A brand new product goes through all the standard quality checks once, while a post-leasing laptop goes through all the standard checks twice. This makes it possible for the customer to get reliable, cheaper and, what's more, to opt for the Zero Waste idea.

