

Environment impacted by numerous items



Enviro-Sense With POWER

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Every item we use has caused some impact on the environment when it was produced. Whether the mining for metal, the cutting down of trees for wood or the pumping of oil for plastics, there has been an effect on our environment. That does not take into account the energy used in the processing and manufacture. Do we need to own all the items we use?

Most homes have a garage full of equipment and tools, some of these only used once or twice a year. Renting is a workable option that preserves our resources and is cost effective as well. I'm not suggesting that you rent a snow shovel but whenever we consider a purchase we should stop to consider how often that item will be used or whether we only need it for a short time. There is a reasonably well established practice of men renting formal wear and this idea should certainly be extended to many other areas.

Where an individual would buy a cheap model of some equipment, use in infrequently and have it gather dust, a rent-all company will buy a higher quality model and rent it for regular use.

In areas with public transit

many people could avoid the purchase of a car or rent a car a couple of weekends per month. Think of the money saved as well as the resources.

When we think of vacations remember that tents, canoes, motorhomes, sailboards and canoes are all available for rent.

Rather than disposable plates and cups, consider renting dishes and glassware. The gathering would certainly be more elegant. The nice thing about rented glassware is that no dish washing is needed as it is washed by the rental company.

Hospital equipment that is not needed on a permanent basis can also be rented.

You could also try sharing equipment between friends, neighbours or relatives. If you know some responsible people this option can work well with a few ground rules.

This is really the old theme of reusing items. The more we reuse the fewer things that we need to produce and the fewer resources expended. It's your choice. You can make a difference!

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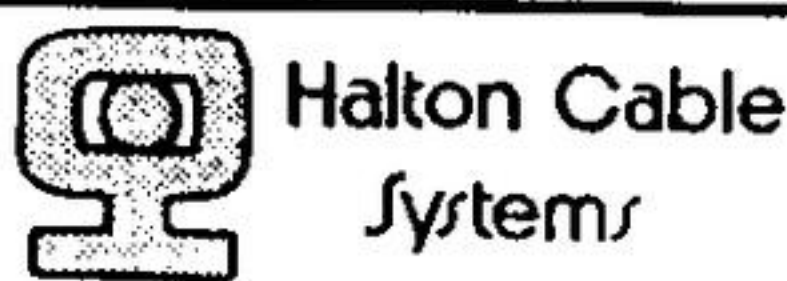
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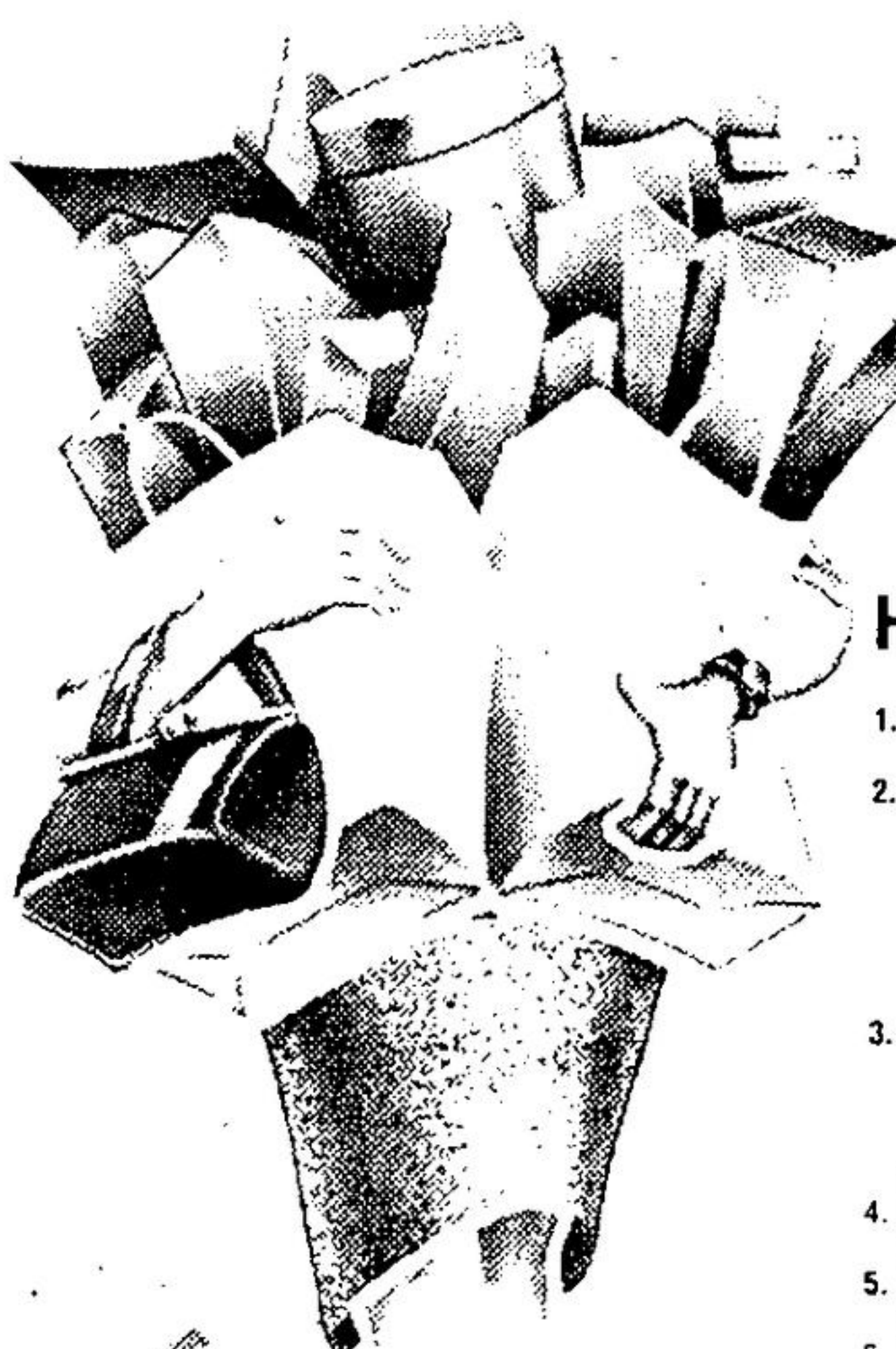
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