

## Paper Towel Tips and Alternatives

In Plaistow we pay for our trash by weight. More trash weight = more money comes out of our taxes. If you reduce the trash weight, you reduce everyone's taxes. And doing little things can add up.

Paper towels don't weigh much, but they absorb a lot of weight if they are thrown out wet. In addition to that it takes a lot of trees to make them. There are a lot of washable (just throw in the laundry) or semi disposable (rinse and reuse) options available.

If you don't want to spend money, you can also cut up an old T shirt. After the T shirt has been through the gardening and painting days, you can still use pieces of it for cleaning and then throw it right in the wash.

For those jobs where you really want paper towels, consider letting them dry before throwing them out.