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**Back-to-School Shopping Text**

Before you do your back-to-school shopping, make a simple inventory of the school supplies your children already have. That way, you won't purchase duplicate items, which may just get discarded. When buying new items, consider products that can be reused year after year like sturdy backpacks and refillable binders. For more ways to minimize waste during the back-to-school season, go to [EPA.gov](http://EPA.gov).