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Fun Places to Start

☛With the PaperKarma junk mail app, take a picture to unsubscribe from receiving bulky catalogs, credit card offers and unwanted paper mail (*PaperKarma.com*).

☛Nike recycles worn-out sneakers, submitted pre-washed for odor removal, into Nike Grind, a material used to create athletic and playground surfaces and more (*Tinyurl.com/ReuseShoesFAQs*).

☛Students in K-12 schools across the continental U.S. and parts of Canada can collect and repurpose all brands of plastic markers, including dry-erase and highlighters. A minimum of 100 markers and up to 40 pounds is the suggested package. Crayola's Colorcycle program provides prepaid FedEx shipping labels via *Tinyurl.com/ColorCycleInfo*.

☛Rubber bands can be donated to local schools or to the post office for mail carriers' use.

☛Donate old cell phones to charities. Because it reduces the need for coltan, an African ore mined in endangered gorilla habitat, zoos in San Diego, Oklahoma City, Oakland and Cincinnati are among those collecting cell phones for recycling. Check *Tinyurl.com/Phones4Charities* and *CincinnatiZoo.org/savingspecies/recycle-your-cell-phone.*

☛*Listfully.org* takes the guesswork out of gift giving. A user can select a date night at a favorite spot, a donation to charity or any item. It's not limited to a particular store or occasion. Avoid unwanted gifts and the guilt of regifting.

☛Use *SwoondleSociety.com* to swap children's clothing and keep clothes out of landfills.

The most Earth-conscious option is to reduce, re-use, then recycle or donate to charities.