



Mayor Tory and Members of Council,

My sister Mara Bundi and I are owners of The Green Jar™, an eco-friendly, package-free a refillery in midtown Toronto. Customers bring their own container and fill up on Canadian, bulk, home and care products that are plant-based. Our mission is to eliminate single-use plastics and household waste, by offering alternatives that are compostable, biodegradable, recyclable or repurposed in a way that supports a circular, versus linear economy.



We are writing today, **in support of reusables.**

"Reuse and refill systems are an essential part of addressing the plastic pollution crisis and moving away from a fossil fuel-based economy. They can create jobs and help build local economies. The COVID-19 global pandemic has triggered a discussion of how to ensure the safety of reusable systems in a public health crisis. Based on the best available science and guidance from public health professionals, it is clear that **reusable systems can be used safely by employing basic hygiene.**"  
<https://www.canadareduces.ca/health>

The Green Jar™ wants Toronto Council to **stay firm in its commitment to reduce single use items.**

This is urgent, and we have an opportunity to help businesses right away to reopen with a reuse system.

This voluntary phase is important, but for real change, it needs to be followed with mandatory measures in 2022.



The City can provide clearer public health guidelines for reuse and BYO, including helping businesses and residents know reuse is safe.

The City can / should provide grants and support for businesses that provide reusable services or to make the shift.

We want the City to take action on educating the public further on hard to recycle-plastics, what can and cannot be recycled within the current infrastructure.

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter.

Sincerely,  
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