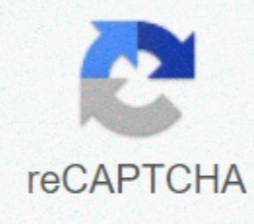




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Depending on the type of use, paper towel dispensers can prove to be a costly and wasteful function, especially in public toilets, which see a lot of foot traffic. If you're looking for a way to reduce the consumption of paper towels in your facility's toilets, keep some comparisons in mind. If you currently have dispensers that house folded paper towels (in their various forms), stop using this dosing method. While users may perceive these towels as softer and of better quality than brown paper towels, they also tend to waste them without thinking about them. People often grab more than they need, whether they use or take with them on site, and in many cases use only a small part of the actual towel before disposing of it. In addition to the costs for the paper towels themselves, such a high use also leads to more maintenance and thus higher labour costs, whereby the paper towel stock is constantly in need of replacement. Consider replacing your towel system with a roller-coaster dispenser. Talk to distributors about extended contracts or leases and universal donors (that each role fits) to make switching as easy and cost-effective as possible in the long run. While using a dispenser with a crank or button helps reduce the amount of paper towels users grab, you should see even more cost savings with a combination of hard wound roll cloths and controlled, non-contact dispensers. If you use such a combination, the nonprofit environmental group Green Seal estimates that you should see a 25 to 35 percent drop in paper towel consumption (because users don't take as many as they would have more accessible folded towels). Hard-wound roll cloths require 80 percent less packaging, according to Green Seal, and typically contain more square meters than other standard rolls, choose roll towels 800 feet or more in size. This method saves you labor and maintenance costs (not to mention the accumulation of waste) because the dispenser limits the amount of paper a user packs at once. In return, you are much less likely to fill up rollcloth dispensers than wrinkle dispensers, and you will receive fewer customer complaints about a lack of supply. If you are using an automatic dispenser, you will need batteries to operate the device. Nowadays, however, batteries last longer and, depending on the scope of use in your system, you should only need to replace the batteries every one to two years. Potential cost savings from the use of roll towels via folded towels vary depending on the set-up and Talk to your distributor/seller to get an idea of cost savings that depend on usage patterns and labor and paper towel costs. According to a 1996 study by consultant Nancy Vandenberg for the Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board in California, you could save more than 58 percent in labor costs by using roll paper cloths over folded towels. For more visit www.conservatree.org/paper/PaperTypes/tissuenvb.shtml. No matter which towel dosing method you choose, make sure that the method best suits your facility and that it leads to long-term cost savings. If your system doesn't see much traffic and usage, you may not need to upgrade to a non-contact dosing unit. If you're still sitting your empty garbage bags under the sink in the box where you bought them, try this storage method instead. Just take the huge roll of garbage bags out of your box, push them onto a paper towel bar, and you'll have a space-saving, one-handed garbage bag dispenser. Yes, it looks a little silly, but the photo above tells the story. We can see that this is especially useful if you have a portable paper towel rack that can sit or mount on the wall near the garbage can, or in a place where you do a lot of work, like outdoors in a garage or in a workshop. In addition, pull one off the roll when you need it, definitely beats fumbles for a loose bag in the box. Most garbage bag rolls sit neatly on the roll, and when you pull off a bag, the roll spins and makes the next available whenever you need it. Unclutterer suggests buying a spare roll that you can store anywhere and mount your garbage bags on it. The original tip (via DIY 101 on Facebook) was specifically designed to make yard work like raking leaves or tidying up in the garage easier by making it easy to pack a bag whenever they need one. No matter what approach you take, try it out, it works like a charm. A paper towel bar to distribute garbage bin liner | Pinterest via Unclutterer Family HandymanGive your paper towels a brake! Cut a 6-in.-wide section from the rounded side of a 1-gallon bleach bottle, then attach it to your paper towel stand so that an edge pushes against the roll. The inward-bending edge keeps the towels for easy one-handed tearing and acts as a brake to prevent the towels from untangled. We have mounted our rack vertically, making it even easier to tear off a towel. Our thanks go to reader Ken Hanneman for this brief tip. Also check out this inventive way to store rolls of paper towels in your garage or workshop. Plus: 30 practical hints for the WorkshopComing on the final steps in a project and find my glass Putty as dry as the Serengeti and hard as a rock is frustrating. My solution is to remove the putt with a screwdriver and until it is a usable consistency. The putty isn't quite as good as new, but it works in a pinch. It's a messy job, so wear latex gloves. — Richard Ryder Check out all the PVC hacks you've always wanted to see. Measuring diameters can be difficult. Sure, it works OK, just measure the end, but if you need accuracy, here's my method. Take apart one of your combination quadrates and slide your head to another square so that the straight edges face each other. Place one of the square heads on a and then slide the other head until both touch the part you are measuring. Read the measurement directly from the ruler! Here are 20 more measurement hacks to add DIYers should know. If I only need to cut a few boards to the same length instead of setting up a stop, I use the first board as a template. Simply place it on the next piece, line the ends, slide the stencil piece against the blade and cut. — Brad HoldenI do a lot of finish-sanding freehand, without sandpaper block, so I can smooth edges and get into nooks and crannies. But the finer grains are usually glued with thinner paper and, at least for me, the paper is too thin and ends to tear long before the grain wears out. So I apply tape to the back of the sandpaper. The sanding paper is still flexible enough to grind a narrow radius and it is much more durable. You can use this super-strong sanding paper like a shoe shine cloth. — Chuck MerchantCutting with a jigsaw causes nasty crack in plywood. To limit the tear when cutting out small shapes, I cover the entire work surface with tape and pull the mold onto the tape before cutting. Nothing completely eliminates the demolition, but that greatly reduces it. Grinding curves are tricky. Sometimes you need a grinding pad that is both firm and flexible. A small notepad works great. Simply wrap sandpaper around the pad and bend the pad to the bow you need. The next time you work on a woodworking project that has curves and is hard to reach, use a notebook as a flexible grinding block. Handyman FamilyWhen you spill screws, nails, brads or other small metal parts on a dusty production surface, pick them up in seconds minus the dust. Screw a 3-in. Dia pot magnets at the end of a wooden dowel to create your 'Picker-Upper'. To use this tool, place an inside-out sandwich bag over the magnet and start sweeping the area. The hardware jumps on the powerful magnets when you sweep the floor. To unload and pack the metal parts in a quick step, simply pull the bag from the magnet. For another clever use for magnets, check out this bathroom memory project. Trigger-style bar clamps make perfect workbench hold-down terminals. First, unplug the split-tube stop at the end of the clamping rod, and then slide off the release head. Slide the rod through a bank dog hole and reinstall the trigger head. If your bank doesn't have dog holes, just drill a hole wherever you need it. After mike Having lost the storage tube with which his pack of earplugs came, he discovered an alternative: an empty medicine bottle. He keeps his hearing protection clean and always at hand, as the small container fits perfectly in his pocket. When I'm on a construction site where there's money and I have to make a few cuts on the miter, I measure my cuts from both ends of the board. I just have to take out my tape and pencil once. Over the course of a day Time saving is total. — Travis LarsonFamily HandymanI have found out that the use of pistol bluing (10.3 ounces in sporting goods stores) gives an attractive, aged patina. Just dip nuts, screws, washers or other hardware in a cup of gun bluing. When the hardware turns black, rinse it with clean water and dry it with a paper towel. Be sure to wear rubber gloves and eye protection. Try this emergency technique for drilling lowering holes for screw heads in softwoods such as pine, cedar wood and redwood. A 3/8-in. rotary drill – spun backwards at slow speed – will carry a clean sinkhole without grasping and tearing. Because the drill cuts slowly, you can easily control the depth of the sink. Family HandymanHere is a fine way to cut PVC pipe on the fly. Just make a few notches in the top of a 5-gallon bucket. Place the pipe in the notches and you have a stable place for sawing. As a bonus, you can charge the bucket and also take your tools with you! For 33 ingenious ways to use PVC pipe, check out this collection of tips. Tired of waiting for the end to dry on one side before finishing the other side? You can buy patts, but it's also really easy to make them yourself. Simply 2-in. Drywall screws by 2-in. x 2-in. Squares of 3/4-in. thick stock. The screw points leave a divot in the finish that can be touched later, but I always leave the back of my project resting on the screws while the finish dries. Follow these simple steps to make sure your square is square: Align the short side of the square with the factory edge of a piece of plywood. Draw a line along the edge of the long side of the square. Scroll over the tool and align the base of the selection with the same edge of the long side of the square. Draw a different line. If the markers are not perfectly aligned, the square is not square. Before you sling your off-kilter square and spend money on a new one, try fixing it with this simple process. Use a mid-punch, a hammer, and an anvil. If the sides of the square are too close to each other, hit the inner corner. If the sides are too far apart, hit the outer corner. Check your progress and repeat it if necessary until the square is square. Here is a way to grout or shape workpieces that are too small to hold in a visor. Turn a hand plane upside down and clamp it into your bench panel, you can pass the wood over the plane to grout the edge. With an orbital grinder and good sanding paper, you can smooth wood evenly and easily with first-class results. Draw a squiggly line over the joint when grinding full-edge legs before grinding. The edge bands will be a little proud of the plywood veneer, so the pencil marks provide visual help to make sure you grind flat and don't grind through the plywood veneer. As you walk, you can also test for a smooth, layer transition by clicking against the transition. If it is smooth, your fingers will not catch on the seam between the two pieces. Family HandymanWhen I cut a few boards to about the same length, I mark them all at the same time. With each mark, I add 1/8 in to allow the blade thickness. For example, if I have 12 in. boards, is the first mark at 12 in. The second is 12-1/8, the next one is 12-1/4, then 12-3/8 and so on. I do not use this trick for precision, but is a great way to save some time on the construction site. — Travis LarsonFamily HandymanTool aprons can be changed to store almost any household item. Simply sew a variety of pocket widths in the aprons, then assemble the aprons by placing a wooden strip through the top of each and into a door. For hollow core doors, use hollow anchor fasteners to hold the screws tightly on the door. Make a hands-free device in a snapshot with a flashlight, pliers and a rubber band. Place the flashlight in the jaws of the pliers; then wrap a rubber band around the handles of the pliers. That's it! Show the light wherever you need it. Stop the color splatter when you can reseal a color lid by covering it with a rag or paper towel. Then place a wooden block just larger than the diameter of the paint can over the lid and hammer the center of the block. Rotate the block a few times, hammer inge the middle each time to seal the lid without damaging the top of the can. Family HandymanSave the wide rubber bands wrapped around broccoli and other vegetables and stretch them over your electric or cordless drill. Use them for onboard storage of smaller drill and driver bits and screws. Wrangle the rest of your drills and other pointed tools mounted with this wall 'Pincushion.'If you like to work with hardwoods, you know how important it is to lubricate screws. It facilitates the driving of the fasteners and reduces the amount of heat generated. But what if you don't have a soap bar or a bunch of beeswax nearby? Reach your Tube Chap Stick! The lip balm makes a fine work of lubricating screws – and it fits in your pocket. Family HandymanElastic cords can quickly become a confused mess. Find what you need at a glance with this handy 3- or 4-in rack. PVC pipe. Simply drill 1/2-in diameter holes in the pipe to match the slightly stretched lengths of your cords. Keep it in your trunk or shop, apre a reach of children. Family HandymanWood Putty is often a unique use product Me. Before I even think about using it a second time, it's dried up. The trick I found was to fill an empty paint box with water and store all my putt glasses under dipped so that no air could penetrate. Now I can finally say that I saw the bottom of a putty container. — Kim BoleyA 2-1/2-gallon bucket is all you need to store air tools and hoses on a wall right next to the air compressor. Screw a 3/4-in. plywood shelf in the bucket to two storage areas, then attach the bucket to the wall with a few delay bolts and washers. Load the bucket with nails, nails, tire pressure gauges and other accessories and wrap the hose around it. For more tips on tool storage, see . There are many uses for plastic food bags in the workshop. You can use them to seal brushes and rolls during a painting project, so you don't have to wash as much stuff between the coats. The point is, it's worth holding a handful of plastic food bags in the workshop, and here's a good tip for storage: Stuff as many plastic food bags as possible into an empty paper towel roll. Then toss the roll into a drawer or cupboard. The cardboard tube holds the pockets in it, and it's easy to pull one out at a time when you need it. Check out more home hacks with cardboard tubes. When haircuts fall into the neck plate of the miter saw, they become projectiles. If the ofcuts are actually the finished pieces – like these thin coasters – it's not only dangerous, it's crazy! My solution is to put a few layers of tape over the neck plate of the saw and cut a notch. My parts don't go up in the air anymore and it gives me a great place to mark cut lines. – Do you want Leighton to know that you can use a chewing gun as a clamp? It is perfect for gluing small projects like a cutting board. Simply place a few pieces of scrap wood or cardboard on the ends of the boiler gun and then press the trigger to apply pressure. Instead of taking space in a drawer or cupboard for storing tape rolls, install an old paper towel dispenser on your wall or peg. It can keep multiple rolls of tape, painting tape, etc., within reach. And unlike the abtshah tape in a dark closet or cramped drawer, the paper towel holder makes it really easy to find the specific tape needed for different jobs. A dowel-style paper towel holder, which is supposed to sit on a worktop, would also work for the corral of tape rolls. And it's portable, so you could take it with you to paint and repair around your home. Even when using a flush-cut saw, I take precautions to protect wood surfaces from marbling. My trick for trimming dowels is to cut a hole into a thin piece of cardboard or plastic and fit it over the dowel. In this way, the blade never touches the wood. Rinse the remaining dowel sand in no time. — Brad HoldenI have several rental properties that as if they always need a repainting. Instead of throwing out leftover paint, just having to buy more later, I used it. I take several doses of inner latex, partly used color and primer, every shine, every color and mix them all together. It doesn't matter how much rubbish or debris is in the paint. Just pour everything in. I use a power mixer to mix them, and then throw the entire mixture into a larger container. I have twenty gallons of color once with a large large Plastic tub. After all the different colors in the container are mixed, it usually ends in an off-white or antique white. The gloss is usually an eggshell to satin. If the color is too loud, I'll remove it by adding a can of white paint. Now I pour the paint into 5-gallon buckets with sieve bags. Lift out the sieve bags to remove dirt and pop on a lid to keep the paint fresh. This is a great way to consume leftovers if you paint a lot. Spike Carlsen. Plus: Check out 11 more times hacks from our expert field editors. Here is an easy way to rip tape and get a starting edge at the same time. Simply fold the tape to the roll at a 90-degree angle. Then, with a snap movement, drag the tape to the edge of the roll. The tape tears and leaves a triangular starting board. This does not work with plastic tapes; these must be reduced. — Reader Chris Henrichs. Plus: How to drywall drywall drywall