5 Common Items You Can Reuse
Whoever invented these little softy-cloths should be hugged and then smacked. Yes, soft static free clothing is wonderful. But, dryer sheets compose of a ton of yearly waste per household for those who use them.

So what to do with dryer sheets?
1. Use a dryer sheet up to three times before there isn’t enough soft drying stuff left on them to do clothing any good. This reduces the amount of dryer sheets you’re using - which is good for your budget and for the environment.
2. Next, dryer sheets are great to use to dust your furniture and wooden floors. The properties which make them add anti-static properties to clothing make them perfect for picking up lint, dust and other small debris.
3. You can even attach them to mops like the Swiffer and swipe them in corners to get cobwebs and on the floor to pick up kitty hair.
First off, stop buying water in plastic bottles and get a Brita Filter.

Supposing you do have empty water bottles lingering around your home and you don't have the inclination to recycle them.

What to do with them?
1. Fill them with pennies. This is actually a fun kid-reuse project. (And, it's a great way to save a couple of bucks here or there.) Every night, collect the pennies you've picked up throughout the day and put them into a water bottle. When you get 10 water bottles full of pennies, you're ready to go to the bank and deposit them into your account.
2. Another great reuse of water bottles is to make them into scoopers (for pet food, potting soil or for picking up pet poop in the backyard) or funnels (for motor oil or other things which need funneling.)
3. A final fun project for water bottles: make a "wave machine" or a homemade lava lamp. (You can check out how to do this via eHow.)
Okay, so greeting cards aren't going anywhere... but, why must they be trashed when the holiday or birthday or occasion is over? They don't have to be - there are so many uses for old greeting cards it's insane.

First -- tear the fronts off the card (provided you aren't like me and write all over the dang card) and use it as a gift tag for someone else's present.

Next, cut the designs out and use them to decoupage a gift box or memory box or picture frame or even a table top. "Decoupageing" is, basically gluing paper cut outs to an object and then decorating it with other textures/items (glitter, gold leaf, paint) and slapping some varnish over the top to seal it all in.

Finally, if you've got a passel of holiday cards to reuse or recycle - why not make some ornaments out of them and donate them to charity for sale or use? Boys and Girls Clubs are always looking for cute ornaments to decorate their centers with around the holiday time.
For this project you can use old t-shirts that are in good condition that you may have out grown or accidentally shrunk in the wash. Or perhaps its a t-shirt of a loved one who is away or departed.

Materials Needed:
- Old T-shirt
- Filling
- Needle and thread or craft glue

Start by laying out the shirt flat on a table. You can either sew the edges or glue them the choice is yours. Stitching will be more durable but for kids or a quick craft you can just glue the seams.

Glue or stitch the bottom of the shirt and the arm holes closed. Leave the neck area open for the filling.

A soft fiber fill stuffing will work well, but you can use other items such as beans, foam chunks or old rags.

Gently fill the shirt until it is nice and plump looking, then either glue or sew the neck hole closed with small stitches.

For a fun effect add some badges to the t-shirt pillow.
Before you discard (or even recycle) another plastic bag, consider trying some of these ideas:

1. Save money by using plastic bags as trash can liners
2. When traveling, use plastic bags in your suitcases for dirty clothes
3. Place your wet swim suits or other wet clothing inside plastic bags until you arrive home and can wash or hang them out to dry
4. Put dirty shoes or boots in a bag so you don’t get dirt in your car or suitcase
5. Take bags to the grocery store to reuse instead of getting new ones each time
6. Donate bags to food pantries, used book stores, libraries, thrift shops, or other organizations
7. Crochet bags into a door mat
8. Turn them into jewelry