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QUESTIONS TO ASK MYSELF (as applicable)

- 1) **Do I Need it?** Do I already own something that serves the same purpose? Can I borrow or make it instead of buying new? Can I buy one used instead of new?
- 2) **Is it Durable & Versatile?** Is it of good quality and will it last for a long time? Can it serve more than just one purpose? Can it be repaired, if needed?
- 3) **Is it Healthy?** Is the production, use and disposal of it safe for the environment and health? Are the components organic and/or nontoxic?
- 4) **Is it Low-Waste?** Is it made with renewable, sustainably harvested materials? Does it have minimal or no packaging? Can it be reused? Can it be composted or recycled?
- 5) **Is it Climate-Friendly?** Did its production create minimal or no amounts of global warming gases? Was it transported from a short distance away? Is it human- or solar-powered instead of electric- or gas-powered?

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- 6) **Does it Contribute to the Well-Being of Others?** Are the people who produced it paid a living wage, treated well, and empowered? Is it harmless to animals?
- 7) **Does it Support the Local Economy?** Was it produced locally? Can I get it at a locally owned business?
- 8) **Other** (anything else important to you):

What would be the collective impact if not just I, but 1000 people, used it? Positive or negative?

Can I afford it? Can the earth, others and future generations afford it?

If the Answer is "No" to one or more of Questions 2-8, **consider Buying NOTHING™** or finding a more socially and ecologically responsible alternative!

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