

action bingo

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Studies (and recent events) have shown that large corporations may bring convenience and cheaper goods and services but the negative impact to local economies and communities are significant.

Here are a few ways we can take action to rebuild and fortify our local communities.

Use cash instead of credit cards	Buy something used on FB Marketplace or OfferUp	Buy from local grocers (eg Harbor Greens, Tacoma Boys)	Join the Tacoma Tool Library	Join a local credit union
Meet someone for coffee at a locally owned cafe	Support locally owned shops (eg Mail Room, Curious Bear, Grit City)	Avoid using Amazon. Buy local instead.	Watch a movie on Kanopy (free with library card)	Buy from local farmers and farmer markets
Gift to a Buy Nothing community	Invite a friend to try a new (for you) local restaurant	FREE	Buy something useful from a yard sale nearby	Support local journalism (eg Tacoma News Tribune, KUOW)
Share tools with neighbors	Support local cinemas (eg Grand Cinema, Blue Mouse)	Donate or volunteer at local food banks	Support life assistance non-profits (eg AIDNW, St Vincent, Faith Action Network)	Visit the UP or Tacoma Library for classes, books, videos, etc.
Attend local performances (eg Tacoma Musical Playhouse, Little Theater)	Learn about new economic development on your city's website	Grow and share vegetables with your community	Shop at a thrift or vintage store	Buy in bulk and share with neighbors



Some facts:

- Credit unions are non-for-profit and member-owned.
- There are no tariffs on used goods.
- 68% or *\$68 out of every \$100* spent at local stores remains in the local economy.
- 35 major U.S. corporations — including Ford, Netflix and Tesla—paid less federal income taxes between 2018 and 2022 than they paid their top five executives.

Some resources:

- Tacoma Tool Library has over 2,500+ tools--borrow a tool for two weeks for no charge (\$20-60/yr membership donation).
- Libraries have many free services including Kanopy for streaming & \$5/week copies.

Questions to keep in mind:

- How can we keep more money in our local economy?
- How can we invest in our local community?
- How do we divest from corporations who actively work to dismantle and degrade unions, the rule of law, our environment?
- How can we support local, community-minded policies and policy makers?
- What other local resources do we have? How can we support them?