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6 eco-friendly summer must-haves

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By [Bree Shirvell](#) and [Gail Hoffer](#)

Beach bum or 5 a.m. surfer, HellaWella has your guide to some of the best eco-friendly summer products.

Wine Barrel Folding Chair



There's something about stepping into a winery's barrel room that produces an air of awe. Bring that same air of admiration to your at-home five o'clock happy hour with Whit McLeod's [wine barrel folding chair](#). Each deck chair is made of salvaged solid white oak wine barrels with the name of the winery the barrels came from carved in the bottom of the chair. So go on create your own winery tasting room that doubles as a conversation starter on your deck this summer.

Price: \$169

Bübi Bottle

Sometimes the best things come in small packages with strange names. Made of eco-friendly silicone, dishwasher safe, and BPA free the [Bübi Bottle](#) is the reusable water bottle you'll want to hide from your significant other, kids, best friend, because once you let them use it you'll never get it back. The bottle holds 22 ounces of hot or cold liquid but when it's empty it scrunches up, perfect for biking, hiking or simply a day at the beach. Oh, and it comes in nine different colors and is customizable.



Price: \$29.99

Keys Solar RX Therapeutic Sunblock SPF 30



Cover up this summer with [Keys Solar RX Sunscreen](#). The chemical-free sunscreen with light moisturizer is a favorite of beach goers and environmentalists. And no wonder with its fresh, natural, cumin-scent. The avocado oil-laced organic compound is good for skin and won't harm the planet, which means every time you hit the beach you'll actually want to slather on

the sunscreen.

Price: \$26.95

Feelgoodz Flip Flops

We know it's tempting to snatch up as many \$1 flip flops as you possibly can, but for a bit more you can get a pair that is both kind to your feet and the planet. Feelgoodz [flip flops](#) are made from 100% natural rubber, biodegradable and recyclable through the company's partnership with UniquEco, a recycling company that helps Kenyan villagers turn your old flip flops into eco-boutique items for resale.



Price: \$25

Patagonia Swim/Surf Wear



Whether you're donning a bikini or a wetsuit, no summer is complete without a dip in the water. Before you put on any old thing to make a splash, consider outfitting yourself with gear from [Patagonia](#). Not only are the products built to last, they can easily be repaired through Patagonia's [Common](#)

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[Threads](#) program, which encourages consumers to reduce what they buy, repair what they can and recycle what they can't. The company also discloses where all of its materials are sourced and made on its website, so you can feel good about what you are buying.

Price: \$39 to \$369

Zeal Optics Sunglasses

Those \$5 sunglasses you bought at the street fair probably won't cut it for the entire summer. Instead, try a pair from [Zeal Optics](#) that offers superior protection for your eyes and for the environment. All of Zeal's sunglasses are made from Castor beans – not crude oil like many other brands – and feature Hyperion Lens technology, offering you superior clarity and protection. If you are worried about breaking your sunglasses, fear not, Zeal offers low-cost repair options.



Price: \$79 to \$139

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