

Wrap-up Your Year Right!

December and January are busy for everyone, between holidays and preparing for the new year. Gift wrapping and parties generate waste, but you can manage that by following the tips below!

Gift wrapping: It's easy to reuse giftbags, tissue paper, and even bows if kept in good condition. Depending on the quality and quantity of used wrapping paper, you can reuse it for future gifts.

If it is not glossy, glittery, or shiny it can be recycled or used in your compost.



Decorations: Shop at local thrift stores to reuse something instead of buying brand new. Donations don't mean it's trash!

Try to use LED string lights if you decorate with them. They are more sustainable and energy efficient compared to non-LEDs. They last longer and cost you less on energy bills.



Food preparation: Portion meals appropriately according to how many people you expect to share with. If you end up with leftovers, store them in the freezer to extend their life. If you have food scraps, try to compost them.

You can visit [savethefood.com](https://www.savethefood.com) to estimate portions and check out recipes!

