

Tips To Reduce, Reuse, And Recycle This Holiday Season

The holiday season buying, wrapping and celebrating increases the amount of waste and electricity we generate. It can also take a toll on the environment. However, there are many opportunities for the consumer to be more sustainable during the holiday season.

Wrap it up

Wrapping paper and gift bags that are metallic, glittery or foil-lined should not be placed in your recycling bin. Additionally, all bows, ribbon and tissue are not recyclable.

Try using reusable gift bags, or unlaminated paper-based wrapping paper which is recyclable.



Deck the halls

Energy Star qualified LED lights are 90 percent more efficient than traditional Christmas lights and LED's last longer. Reduce electricity consumption even more by connecting lights to a timer to turn lights on at dusk and off when you go to bed. Limiting the number of hours will save you money and conserve energy.

Grab the bag

While out holiday shopping, don't forget to grab your reusable shopping bags. Remember your reusable bag means conserving natural resources and creating less waste!

Eco-friendly gifting

Make your own gifts: edible gifts such as breads, cookies, cakes, dried fruits, nut mixes, canned goods, jams/jellies, or herbed vinegars make fantastic gifts. Use your arts and crafts skills to knit a scarf, crochet a hat or mittens, paint a watercolor, or design your own jewelry.

Look for gifts that don't require batteries. If you must buy a product that needs batteries, buy rechargeable batteries and give them with the gift.



Give gift certificates to local museums, concerts, restaurants, theaters etc. These can provide a memorable gift with zero waste!

