

Holiday Recycling + Waste Reduction Tips

Make a difference this holiday season by taking small steps in your everyday life that can make a meaningful difference by reducing waste and your carbon footprint. And since it's the season of giving, share some eco-friendly tips with family and friends to increase our impact this holiday season.

Reduce:

CARPOOL

By coordinating carpools to get-togethers you can reduce your holiday carbon emissions. Take this time to catch up a bit with your fellow carpoolers before you get to the main event.



DON'T OVERDO IT!

A lot of food is wasted during the holidays. Studies have shown that 40% of U.S. food goes to waste. Be realistic about how much food you will need. If you have unwanted leftovers, send them home with your guests.



COMPOST YOUR INEDIBLE PRODUCE



Composting is a great method to divert your food waste from trash and, in turn, create nutritious fertilizer to feed future food or flowers.

BRING OUT THE GOOD DINNERWARE

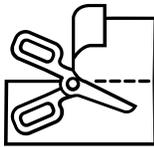
(Well, at least use "real" dishware, cutlery, and napkins.) By minimizing the use of plastic, paper, or foam you reduce your holiday waste, and save money.



Reuse:

MAKE YOUR OWN DECORATIONS

Instead of buying ornaments, cards and wreaths, make your own! By reusing cardboard and paper and adding leaves (easily preserved with wax paper), greenery, twigs and acorns, this can be a fun activity! Make a little time for creativity... your friends and family will love the personal touch.



DON'T FORGET REUSABLE BAGS

Don't limit their use to grocery stores. Take these bags in with you wherever you shop. Try leaving your reusable bags in your car so you always have them available.



REUSE NEWSPAPER AND PAPER BAGS IN PLACE OF WRAPPING PAPER



If you still receive the newspaper, or have some brown paper bags floating around, these make great wrapping paper. When the gifts are unwrapped, don't forget to recycle the paper. Most holiday wrapping paper can be recycled, too. Only the foil type wrapping paper can't be recycled.

Recycle:

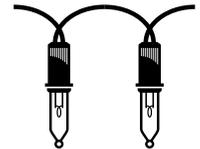
BUY PRODUCTS MADE WITH RECYCLED CONTENT



Support the benefits of recycling and help "close the loop" by buying products made with recycled content.

NEED TO GET RID OF BURNED OUT HOLIDAY LIGHTS?

Check online to see if there is a location in your community that accepts lights for recycling.



MAKE RECYCLING EASY FOR GUESTS

Place recycling bins beside every trash bin, and make sure the products you provide can be reused or recycled. You can even take it a step further and label each recycling container for clarity and to make cleanup a breeze.



Wishing you a clean, green and beautiful holiday season!

-The Keep America Beautiful Recycling Team

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