

# Happy Holidays!



## Wrapping paper

It's important for all of us to be conscious of our purchases and wrapping selections this holiday season. Traditional wrapping paper is often not accepted by recyclers, so consider using recyclable paper (not waxy or plastic coated), paper or fabric bags, reusable containers, etc. to show your loved ones how much you care.

## Trees

If you display a real tree this year, remember to bring your tree to a chipper so it can be used as mulch rather than take up space in a landfill.



## Cards

Recycle your paper cards after the holiday.

## Electronics & Batteries

If you give or receive gifts with batteries this season, consider using rechargeable batteries which reduce toxic waste in landfills and save money in the long run. When replacing old electronics, take them to be recycled so the valuable and hazardous metals can be recovered.



## String Lights

We all know that lights don't last forever. Whether you accidentally stepped on them, Fido decided to play tug of war, or they stopped working the day after you brought them home, you can likely bring them to your local recycler to recover the valuable and hazardous metals inside.



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## Holiday Recycling Facts

**Americans produce 25% more waste – an additional 5 million tons of waste – between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.**

**Half of the paper America consumes is used to wrap and decorate consumer products. (Source: The Recycler's Handbook, 1990).**

**If every family reused just 2 feet of holiday ribbon, the 38,000 miles of ribbon saved could tie a bow around the entire planet.**

**About 40% of all battery sales occur during the holiday season.**

**In the US, annual trash from gift wrap and shopping bags totals 4 million tons.**

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