

# HOLIDAY RECYCLING TIPS



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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We want everyone to be safe and enjoy the holiday seasons. It is a special time to get together with family and friends, maybe enjoy a little time off work and reflect on the past year. Even though it is the holidays, you can still make a difference by recycling and minimizing waste.

Below are some good Holiday recycling ideas, along with tips to reduce your waste:



- ✓ Keep recycling bins available for bottles, cans and paper at all of your parties.
- ✓ Make sure your holiday cards are printed on recycled paper. Even better, use postcards to eliminate the need for an envelope.
- ✓ Instead of wrapping paper, use newspaper, comics or magazines.
- ✓ Save used gift wrap, bags, ribbon and bows for your next holiday.
- ✓ Shredded newspaper can be used for packing material instead of packing peanuts.
- ✓ Find gifts with minimal packaging.
- ✓ Plan your menu carefully to minimize food waste. Compost all excess food if possible.
- ✓ Find decorations that will last for many years.
- ✓ If possible, use live trees and plant in the yard after the holidays. If you have a cut tree, consider using it as mulch.
- ✓ Consider environmentally friendly gifts.
- ✓ Use durable, reusable plates and serving ware and cloth napkins when possible.
- ✓ Gifts with batteries could also come along with a charge and rechargeable batteries.
- ✓ Give gifts that can be reused, like pens, coffee mugs and durable shopping bags.
- ✓ PLEDGE TO RECYCLE MORE NEXT YEAR!!

**Enjoy the Holidays! Happy New Year from Recycle Montana**