



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



10 Tips for a Greener Holiday Season:

- 1. Give to Those Less Fortunate** - Remember those less fortunate. 'Tis the season to donate clothes and blankets to local charities and don't forget the local food bank.
- 2. Use LED Lights**—Save energy and money this holiday season by using LED bulbs. To minimize usage, put your holiday lights on timers.
- 3. Give Gifts from the Heart** - Give gifts that aren't "stuff." Instead of spending money on commercial goods, give the gift of your time and talent to loved ones this year. Offer to make dinner, walk the dog, mow a lawn, help with gardening or home repairs, or invite friends over for a holiday libation.
- 4. Recycle Packaging From Gifts** - Recycle cardboard boxes, tissue and wrapping paper. Reuse clean Styrofoam peanuts or take them to your local package or mail shipper, most will accept these items from the public for reuse.
- 5. Don't Waste Food** - This holiday season, make a commitment to cooking only what you need. Invite friends over and share leftovers.
- 6. Recycle or Reuse Electronics** - Some of the most popular gift items this season are electronics like computers, tablets, phones, video games, and other devices. Give your old electronics away so that they can still be used or recycle them through a reputable recycler.
- 7. Don't Buy Wrapping Paper** - Reuse old wrapping paper or put your gifts in reusable bags or boxes. Be creative about giving old materials new life - scraps of fabric, magazines, comics or calendars make great patchwork bags or collage wrapping paper.
- 8. Buy a Real Tree** - Real holiday trees are an all-American tradition. They smell great and can be recycled. Most are grown at local farms and are a sustainable resource that supports local communities.
- 9. Send Cards Electronically** - Instead of mass-mailing cards, send electronic cards instead. Sending cards electronically saves postage, paper and manufacturing inputs. You can also include family photos and a customizable message.
- 10. Avoid Toys Made with PVC Plastic** - Toxic PVC is found in everyday plastics, including some children's toys. PVC contains dangerous chemicals and may contain additives such as lead and cadmium. PVC is also the plastic that is least recycled.

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