



How to Green Your Holidays

Holiday Party Planning

- △ Encourage guests to share rides.
- △ Send electronic invitations.
- △ Use reusable/washable tableware, plates, cups.
- △ Bring your own tableware to community events.

Gift-Giving

- △ Purchase locally made items all year long to use for holiday gift-giving.
- △ Give food—either locally grown or homemade.
- △ Donate \$ to a worthy cause in someone's name.
- △ Give services, rather than items, as gifts.



Holiday Decorating

- △ Use LED lights for your holiday lighting.
- △ Use dripless natural beeswax candles purchased locally.
- △ Décorate large potted plants with lights and ornaments.
- △ Avoid non-biodegradable tinsel, sparkles, shiny paper.
- △ Buy "new" decorations at a 2nd hand shop.
- △ Decorate an outside tree with suet balls for birds.
- △ Save kids' holiday art projects for decorating and wrapping.
- △ Make ornaments from nature-- like birchbark, pine cones, drift wood, found objects.

Gift-Wrapping

- △ Reuse cards & make your own gift tags
- △ Save & reuse wrapping paper & gift bags each year
- △ Use colorful comics and decorated paper bags
- △ Make your own bags from leftover fabric and make boxes from reused paper.



Holiday Food Preparation

- △ Serve locally-sourced food & drink which supports our local growers!
- △ Use a microwave instead of oven, if possible, to save energy.
- △ Compost food waste or give to a local farmer to make compost or livestock feed.
- △ To reduce food waste, send leftovers home with guests



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