

Recycling Tips for the Holiday Season

The holidays are the most wonderful (and wasteful) time of the year. Americans generate 25% more waste than average between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day — almost 1,000 pounds per household.



WHAT TO THROW AWAY

Foil Wrapping Paper
Cellophane Wrapping
Disposable Decorations
Polystyrene Peanuts
Bubble Wrap

WHAT TO RECYCLE

Plastic Bottles
Soda Cans
Plastic Cups
Clean Paper Plates
Cardboard Boxes*
Wrapping Paper

WHAT TO DONATE/REUSE

Gift Bags
Ribbon
Bows
Decorations
Packing Materials
Artificial Trees
Clothing and Shoes

WHAT TO COMPOST

Fruits
Vegetables
Bread
Pasta
Meats
Chips



Host a Sustainable Holiday Party

Set up separate labeled containers for recycling and food alongside your waste to help guests dispose of waste materials properly.

Don't bag your recyclables. Keep them loose and free of food and liquid residue.



Keep Your Wrapping Simple (And Recyclable!)

Think twice when it comes to wrapping paper. Most plastic-coated papers cannot be recycled. Instead, try folding or re-rolling your wrapping paper to reuse it.

Sticky gift tags are not recyclable by themselves, but they are acceptable if affixed to an envelope or wrapping paper.



Separate Toy Boxes

Toy packaging made of heavy cardboard is only recyclable when the cardboard is separated from the plastic, including the plastic window on the box of a doll or action figure. Make sure you separate these before adding them to your recycling container.