

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
Soiled Paper Plates and Cups

WHAT TO RECYCLE

Plastic Bottles (#1 and #2)
Steel and Tin Cans
Newspaper
Glass Food and Beverage Containers
(Brown, Clear or Green)
Cardboard/Paperboard
(Uncoated)
Magazines

All must be empty, clean, dry and free of debris

WHAT TO DONATE/REUSE

Gift Bags
Ribbons and Bows
Decorations
Packing Materials
Artificial Trees
Clothing and Shoes
Polystyrene Peanuts
Bubble Wrap

WHAT TO COMPOST

Fruit and Vegetables
Meat (no bones)
Bread and Crackers
Pasta
Dairy Products (no liquids)
Coffee Grounds
Egg Shells



How to Have a Sustainable Holiday

Set up separate labeled containers for recycling and food alongside your waste to 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.

To learn more about holiday recycling and waste tips, visit RepublicServices.com or call 847.981.0091.



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