

Rewrap for the Holidays



Easy
tips to
show
your
family
and friends that
you care about the
Earth, too!

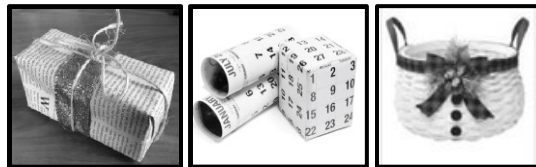


Let's Reduce Waste this Holiday Season

By far too many measures, the holidays are embarrassingly wasteful: billions of cards (many of which can't be recycled), the equivalent of 50,000 trees used for wrapping paper (can't be recycled), tons of food wasted, and more. **During this season, Americans generate ONE MILLION TONS PER WEEK OF EXTRA TRASH!**

Massachusetts can't handle it: we already ship some of our trash out of state. The planet can't handle it. **We can do much better. It's easy and can save you money.** What's more, surveys have shown that most people think the holidays are too materialistic and **don't want more stuff.**

Tips for Enjoying Less Wasteful Holidays



This flyer contains some simple tips to cut down on trash during the holidays, saving you money and the environment. But they're just hints of what's possible. We've included several links at the back of the flyer, and you can find more ideas by searching online for "green holidays." Now let's get started.

More Resources to Help Reduce Waste

We didn't even touch on how to save money and reduce food waste when hosting holiday gatherings. A growing number of resources can help you enjoy the holiday season and be less wasteful in a variety of ways. Try these links to get started:

<https://www.facebook.com/recyclesmartma/>

<https://simplifytheholidays.org/winter-holidays-1>

<https://sokindregistry.org/>

<https://earth911.com/?s=green+holidays>

To find more sites, search for "green holidays."

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And check out our section of the Town's website for a wealth of information that can help you live more sustainably, reduce

waste, and recycle properly:

<https://www.lee.ma.us/recycling-greener-gateway>

Holiday Trees/Greens

- Buy cut trees/greens and get them to some goats.
- Buy and reuse artificial trees/greens.
- If you buy a live tree, ask your local nursery how to plant it.
- Make your own tree or decorate one outside.

GOATS LOVE HOLIDAY GREENS



If you use holiday greens (not artificial), you can take them to the Monte Vista Farm (190 East Street) for the goats (**NO TINSEL, WIRE, OR SPRAYED ITEMS**). Or contact the Lions Club (413-281-9495); leelions1965@gmail.com), which will pick up your greens (again, **no tinsel, etc.**) on **January 6th from 9 am to noon** and take them to the farm. The suggested donation is \$5 (payable to the Lee Lions Club). Donations can be mailed to Lee Lions PO Box 19, Lee, MA 01238, if you can't leave yours with the greens.

For Wrapping Try:

- Outdated calendar pages and pictures
- Comics, magazines, and newspapers
- Old maps and posters
- Children's artwork

- Leftover wallpaper
- Fabric and tablecloths
- Boxes
- Baskets
- Cups and mugs



Holiday Cards Can Be Made From:

- Used cards and postcards
- Calendar pictures
- Decorated scrap cardboard
- Homemade recycled paper



Alternative Gift Ideas:

- **Make a charitable contribution** in the name of family members or friends.
- **Give something of your own** that you no longer need or want or **regift**.
- **Check out thrift stores**, used book stores, and used music stores.
- **Give tickets** to a movie, theater, concert, museum, or other experience.

- **Give someone a membership** to a philanthropic, environmental, or relief organization.
- **Offer to do someone's household chores, babysit, or run errands.**
- **Create a scrapbook.**
- **Bake cookies or other special treats.**



What's Recyclable?

- **Paper shopping bags** - *rope and plastic handles are acceptable*
- **Gift tissue paper** - *no metallics or glitter*
- **Gift wrap/gift bags** - *no glitter or metallics*
- **Greeting cards** - *no metallic inks, foil, wire, batteries or glitter*
- **Paperboard and corrugated cardboard boxes**
- **Catalogs**
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What Isn't?

- **Ribbons, bows, tinsel**
- **Packing peanuts**
- **Styrofoam blocks**
- **Plastic blister packaging from toys or electronics**
- **Non-recyclable wrapping paper** (Simply put, if you're able to scrunch up a piece of wrapping paper—that stays scrunched up—it's likely safe to recycle.)