

# 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.

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