

Sustainable Holiday Recycling Tips

When it comes to recycling, it's easier than you think to 'be nice' rather than 'naughty.' Here are some tips to help make your holidays sustainable.

RECYCLING NICE



Sustainability - Purchase wrapping paper or gift bags made with recycled materials – or skip the wrapping! Purchase gifts from brands that use recycled materials to close the sustainability loop.



Gift an Experience – Choose gifts that create lasting memories rather than more waste. Consider giving concert tickets, museum visits, a long weekend out of town, or a donation to a charity of choice.



Recycle – Put a recycling bin next to the waste can during parties. Make it easy for guests to recycle glass bottles and cans.



Bring your own Shopping Bag – Plastic bags are not recyclable and wrap around the sorting equipment at recycling facilities creating safety hazards for workers.



Rinse and Toss – Take that last sip of eggnog and give the container a quick rinse before tossing into your blue bin.



Tech Recycling – If Santa gifted you with a new computer or phone, recycle your old ones responsibly or donate them to a local charity looking for used electronics.



Recycle Cardboard – Once the gifts have been opened, break down, flatten, bundle, and tie cardboard boxes so they fit inside your blue boxes.

RECYCLING NAUGHTIES



Tanglers - Holiday lights and tinsel look beautiful on your tree but are NOT recyclable. Donate or toss them into the waste bin.



Foam and Bubble Wrap - These packing materials are not recyclable and belong in the trash.



Batteries – What would the holidays be without batteries? Unfortunately, batteries are not recyclable and cause fires in collection trucks and recycling facilities. Check with your city for safe battery disposal .



Holiday Stuff – Keep these items out of your blue bin during the holiday season.



- Ribbon and bows
- Plastic Toys
- Artificial Trees



- Decorations for the tree
- Fruit boxes made from wood



Metallics and Glitter – Wrapping papers made with metallic or glittery materials are not recyclable and don't look nice blowing around the neighborhood.