

Put holiday waste in its place

Follow these tips and ideas to make your holiday season a little less wasteful.

	Reduce	Reuse	Recycle or compost
Gifts and wrapping	<p>Support local businesses by purchasing gift cards.</p> <p>Give a gift of a donation to a favourite charity.</p>	<p>Wrap using:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper bags or gift boxes.• Jars or tins.• Fabrics or dishtowels.	<p>Crumple wrapping paper into a ball, put in blue cart.</p> <p>No metallic or foil gift wrap.</p> 
Cooking	<p>Check what you have at home before you shop.</p> <p>Make a list and buy only what you need.</p>	<p>Use reusable containers for leftovers instead of plastic wrap or tin foil.</p> <p>Save bones and vegetable peelings for soup stock.</p> 	<p>Compost unusable food scraps, toothpicks, paper napkins and plates, put in green cart.</p> <p>Recycle empty, clean and dry tin cans, glass and plastic containers.</p> 
Holiday cleanup	<p>Keep clean wrapping paper, gift bags and boxes for next year.</p> 	<p>Donate gently used household items like working electronics, furniture, clothing and toys to a local charity.</p>	<p>Recycle Christmas cards, envelopes and cardboard boxes.</p> <p>Take old electronics to an electronics recycling drop-off.</p> 

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