



Division of
Waste Management

HOLIDAY RECYCLING TIPS



For Green Shopping

- Shop as close to home as possible
- Look for items with little or no packaging
- Buy durable reusable items with recycled content
- Give a gift certificate to a favorite restaurant or the movies
- Bring your own bags for holiday shopping
- Avoid buying metallic and plastic wrapping paper
- Buy a live tree and plant it in your backyard after the holidays
- Purchase holiday cards made from recycled paper
- Buy foods in bulk and compost the leftovers
- Make a donation to a non-profit organization in the name of a loved one
- Give the gift of apps to kids with smartphones

Smart Holiday Meals

- Follow recipes and estimate to avoid too much food
- Send guests home with food
- Donate excess food to emergency shelters
- Use real dishes and cloth napkins
- Find creative recipes for leftovers

And a Sustainable Season For All

- Donate outgrown toys and clothes to local charities
- Recycle your Tree and old Christmas lights
- Use a scarf for elegant soft wrapping
- Plan a "re-gift" swap with your like-minded friends and family
- Send holiday greetings in electronic form
- Use rechargeable batteries
- Dispose of all outdated electronics at a Household Hazardous Waste Center
Find a location near you: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/electronics>
- Provide recycling containers for cans and bottles at your Christmas party