

# Holiday Tips for a Non-Wasteful Season



Happy Holidays to everyone today, tomorrow, and in the years to come. May we start this Holiday Season by decking the halls with less waste so that future generations may have the same opportunity as us to celebrate this special time of year.

## Things To Do:

- \* Use reusable gift bags.
- \* Set a box aside to collect the reusable ribbons, bows, and other package decorations
- \* Put this year's Christmas cards away to cut up and use as gift tags for next year's gifts.
- \* Got a new microwave, toaster, clock radio, toy, or coat? Consider giving away your old appliances, toys, games, or clothing to a local charity or thrift store.
- \* Look for gifts made from recycled-content materials or make them
- \* Use a gift to wrap another gift.
- \* Give a gift card instead of buying a gift.
- \* Recycle your tree. Check out this link to where you can recycle your tree:  
<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/organics/events/xmasrecycle>
- \* Use candles in well vented areas:  
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/4026537.stm>
- \* Turn your thermostat down.
- \* Replace your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms every 6 months.

## Things Not to Do:

- \* Don't burn your holiday wrapping paper/tree in the fireplace:  
[http://www.arb.ca.gov/cap/handbooks/wood\\_burning/wood\\_burning\\_handbook.pdf](http://www.arb.ca.gov/cap/handbooks/wood_burning/wood_burning_handbook.pdf)
- \* Don't throw old batteries in the trash.
- \* Don't dump grease down the sink.
- \* Don't use bar-b-ques, hibachis or other unapproved outdoor cooking devices indoors.