

Have you helped the environment today?

It's that wonderful time of year again where everything is painted white with snow and lights line the side of houses. But with all the extra garbage, chopped down trees and flashing lights the holiday season can be hard on the environment. With this in mind here are a few tips that can help you reduce the stress put on the environment:

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle your wrapping paper!

Try making your own wrapping paper instead of buying rolls of it. You can make your wrapping with any kind of paper, paper bag, magazines and newspaper. You can decorate it and afterwards it can be recycled.

Switch to LED! LED Christmas lights are much more energy efficient than regular bulbs. LED lights are also safer because they don't heat up and there's no chance of combustion or burning. They also last longer and if one burns out the rest will keep on glowing.

Recycle your tree! Look for the dates of the annual Lions Club collection to dispose of your tree after Christmas, or better yet buy/get a tree with the roots still attached and plant it in the spring.

Plan your trips! Reduce the number of trips you make while you're shopping for gifts. Plan your trip ahead of time and write down what stores you need to go to and what you need to buy at each store. Bring your own shopping bags to carry all your presents in instead of the plastic ones that you get from stores.

Recycle everything! Return all the beverage containers you'll be accumulating to the nearest bottle depot for cash! Food cans, glass jars, cardboard, paper and milk jug and cartons are also recyclable. Don't forget about your fruits and veggies, they can be composted.

Important Dates

December 1 - World Aids Day
December 21 - Winter Solstice
(Shortest day of the year)
December 25 - Christmas
December 26 - Boxing Day and the
First day of Kwanzaa
December 31- New Year's Eve

