

REAPS READER



Have you helped the environment today?

HAVE A GREEN CHRISTMAS



No More Wrapping Paper!!

Here are some great recycling tips for the Holidays. Instead of using wrapping paper only once, think of things around the house you can use instead. Make your own gift wrap this season, not only does it save money, it also allows you to put your creative genius to work. Gift wrap isn't limited to paper, you can Paper it, Bag it or Box it this Holiday season.

1. Paper it! When it comes to paper for gift wrapping almost anything goes. You can use things like : any kind of paper sack, brown paper bags, magazines, newsprint, school papers, calendars wallpaper, maps or tissue paper.

If you want to decorate the paper, you can paint pictures or designs on it. You can also use a sponge to stamp on designs. For a really special touch, use metallic paints like silver, gold or bronze.

Use nature to spruce it up. For a natural look use brown paper and jute or raffia for the ribbon. Add dried leaves, flowers, twigs, berries, cinnamon sticks or pine cones to the bows for an added touch.

2. Bag it! You can use sacks of all kinds to make gift bags. The bags can in turn be used by people over and over again. If your bag has printing on it, simply cover with color paper, red or green are the perfect holiday colors. Use pictures from your old Christmas cards and glue them to the front for beautiful, festive bags. You can also use scrap fabric to cover the printing. Use nature to spruce the bags up! Make a bow from pinecones and pine twigs.

3. Box It! Making reusable boxes from old boxes can be fun and creatively challenging. Some boxes can be directly painted on, while others can be covered with paper and fabric. Christmas cards can again be glued on to make pictures or designs. When painting, stencils can be handy guides and help to create beautiful boxes. Add the recipients name to the painting and make it an extra special gift.

Recycle Your Christmas Tree

- Look for dates of the annual Lions Club collection
- Deposit your tree in the compost bin at the Foothills Landfill, Vanway or Quinn St Transfer Station.
- Place the tree in the yard or garden for use by birds and other wildlife. The branches provide shelter from strong winds and cold. Food can be supplied by hanging fruit slices, seed cakes, or suet bags on its branches. You can also smear peanut butter and seeds in pine cones and hang them in the tree.
- Chip the tree and use as a mulch around trees, shrubs, or in flower beds.
- Prune off the branches and place the boughs over perennials as a winter mulch.



IMPORTANT DATES

- ◻ **Dec 1:** World Aids Day
- ◻ **Dec 10:** In 1901, First Nobel Peace Prizes are awarded
- ◻ **Dec 25:** Christmas Day
- ◻ **Dec 26:** Boxing Day, Hannukah and Kwanza begin.
- ◻ **Dec 31:** New Year's Eve, make a resolution to

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