

REAPS READER



Have you helped the environment today?



Are You Dream-
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Green
Christmas???



REAPS Annual Recycle Toy Drive

REAPS hosted their toy drive on November 24th and collected 268 boxes of toys. **ABIG THANK YOU** to Ecole College Heights Elementary who collected 2 truck loads of toys which they donated to our toy drive.

It's a wonderful time of year, but with all the extra garbage, chopped down trees, and flashing lights, the holiday season can also be hard on the environment. Here are a few tips to help you celebrate the environment this Christmas:

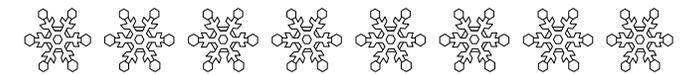
Reduce, reuse, and recycle wrapping paper! Try saving your paper to use again next year, or make your own! You can use any kind of paper: paper bags, old calendars, magazines, newspaper, or even old school papers! Decorate by painting pictures or stamping designs on it.

Make the switch to LED! LED Christmas lights are much more energy efficient than regular bulbs. They are also safer because they don't heat up, so there's no chance of combustion or burning! LED also last longer, and even if one light 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 buy a tree with roots attached and plant it in the spring!

Plan your trips! Reduce the number of trips you take to the store to shop for gifts by planning ahead and making a list. Bring your own shopping bags to carry home presents rather than using plastic bags from the store.

Recycle everything! Return all your beverage containers to the nearest bottle depot for cash! Food cans, glass jars, cardboard, paper, and milk jugs and cartons are also recyclable. You can even recycle leftover fruits and veggies from Christmas dinner by composting them.



Important Dates



Dec 1st

World Aids Day

Dec 5th

First Day of Hanukkah

Dec 10th

Human Rights Day

Dec 22nd

Winter Solstice (the shortest day of the year)

Dec 25th

Christmas Day

Dec 26th

Boxing Day and First Day of Kwanza

Dec 31st

New Year's Eve



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