

Purchase Green Products

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Go Green for the Holidays by California Integrated Waste Management

Between the stuffing of the turkey and ringing in the New Year, many Americans generate an enormous amount of waste. But the California Integrated Waste Management Board has some holiday waste management tips that even Scrooge can't resist.

"We can all get a little carried away with the season's festivities," said Board Chair Margo Reid Brown. "In the spirit of giving, the Waste Board is happy to offer some helpful tips that we can all take to heart."

Here are some great suggestions for green-gifts!

1. Buy gifts made from recycled products.

When it comes to gifts, the Board suggests giving the ones that "Yule" remember. Some of the most unique and interesting gift items can be found online at outlets like RecycleStore.

According to the Board, some of the most memorable gifts can have the least environmental impact, with a little forethought. Gift certificates, tickets to sporting and entertainment events, and homemade items all have special meanings to those on the receiving end.



Given the number of Christmas gifts sure to run on batteries this season, the Board reminds buyers that rechargeable power sources are easier on the environment and can be thrifty in the long run. Visit CIWMB's rechargeable batteries webpage for more information about the seasonal merits of using rechargeable batteries.



2. Be creative when wrapping gifts.

When it comes to wrapping that special holiday season gift, the Board offers waste-not tips that can rival the gifts themselves in thought and ingenuity.

Instead of purchasing

reams of expensive wrapping paper, why not substitute reusable boxes, brightly colored canvas tote bags, colorful pillow cases or holiday fabric for toys and similar items, dish towels for kitchen ware, oven mitts for utensils, tablecloths for eating and dining presents, or hang earrings, bracelets, and other jewelry on the Christmas tree itself?



Check stores for recycled-content holiday cards and envelopes or make them yourself.



Gift tags can be made from last year's recycled holiday cards.

Recycle Your Old Electronics!



Donating old TVs, computers, clothes, and other items extends their useful service lives and keeps landfills free of unnecessary waste. If a donation isn't a practical option, the board recommends that consumers learn where to safely recycle their obsolete electronic waste products.

Visit <http://www.ecycle.org>.



Christmas Tree by S. Kitchen

With all the holiday cheer in the air it is easy to forget about the environment. Did you know that our Sanitation Department recycles Christmas trees?

Sanitation will begin accepting trees December 26th at 9:00 AM. They will continue accepting trees until January 11th. Trees can be dropped at the following locations:



- Bachman Transfer Station
9500 Harry Hines Blvd.
(Monday – Sunday)
- Oak Cliff Transfer Station
4610 S. Westmoreland Rd.
(Monday – Sunday)
- McCommas Bluff Landfill
5100 Youngblood Rd.
(Monday – Saturday)
- Fair Oaks Transfer Station
7677 Fair Oaks Ave.
(Monday – Sunday)
- Flag Pole Hill
Buckner Blvd. @ Northwest Hwy.
(Monday – Sunday)



FREE mulch can be picked up at the McCommas Bluff Landfill and the Bachman Transfer Station after January 1st. You must be a resident to participate. Bring your shovels and containers.

For more information please call **311**.

December Training Schedule

Sustainability Class on Composting

Speaker: Nickerson, Arthur [Arthur.L.Nickerson@usdoj.gov]

Date: December 4, 2007

Time: 12.30-1.30 pm

Location: LIFN Conference Room C

Proper Spill Response (SPL103)

Date: December 6, 2007

Time: 2-3 pm

Location: LIFN Conference Room C

Introduction to RCRA (RCRA101)

Date: December 10, 2007

Time: 2-3 pm

Location: LI Conference Room A

Aboveground Storage Tank (AST)

Date: December 11, 2007

Time: 2-3 pm

Location: LIFN Conference Room A

EMS for Facility Management

Date: December 13, 2007

Time: 2-3 pm

Location: LIFN Conference Room A

Waste Disposal and Manifest (RCRA203)

Date: December 17, 2007

Time: 2-3 pm

Location: LIFN Conference Room A

Stage I and II (TK103)

Date: December 18, 2007

Time: 2-3 pm

Location: LIFN Conference Room B

Table Top Exercise for Emergency Management

Date: December 18, 2007

Time: 9-12 pm

Location: LIFN Conference Room B

EMS Awareness (EMS101)

Date: December 20, 2007

Time: 2-3 pm

Location: LIFN Conference Room B

Management of Change

Date: December 19, 2007

Time: 2-3pm

Location: LIFN Conference Room C



For more information about training classes please contact Meghna Tare at (214)-670-1200 or at meghna.tare@dallascityhall.com.

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3. Make gift opening an environmentally friendly effort.

When it comes to opening those mountains of holiday gifts, there are ways to manage and minimize waste by following some simple recommendations:

- Set aside large box containers to hold wrapping paper, then select those wrappings with potential for reuse next year. Most gift boxes can be flattened and stored away for extended use again and again.



- Finally, don't forget to save all reusable ribbons, bows, and other package decorations for future reuse opportunities.



- Christmas cards can become next season's colorful gift tags.
- If you received a new microwave, toaster, clock radio, toy, or coat, then consider giving away your old appliances, toys, games, or clothing to a local charity or thrift store.
- Drop off extra packaging materials at local private mailing centers, whose phone numbers can usually be found in the Yellow Pages Directory.

The U.S.A. produces **1 MILLION** extra tons of garbage each week from Thanksgiving to New Years!

Green Tip!

Give an Earth-Friendly gift this Christmas!

- ◆ Agree to exchange only homemade cards with friends and family.
- ◆ Or give them something they can use—coupons for favors like an evening of babysitting, an elaborate home cooked meal or house cleaning.
- ◆ Bake them a holiday treat.
- ◆ Find someone else's treasure at <http://www.freecycle.org>.

- ◆ When purchasing gifts look for recycled packaging.
- ◆ Wrap gifts in recycled paper.





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Earth Day Every Day

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- SNOWMAN
- TREE

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The Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ) was formed by the City Council in February 2004 to serve as an internal resource to City of Dallas staff on environmental issues. These issues range from compliance with regulatory requirements to conduct public outreach events and raising awareness related to our environment.

OEQ currently supports the Key Focus Areas of “Staff Accountability” and “Economic Development” in the City of Dallas structure with three services: Environmental Management System, Inspections and Spills, and Outreach and Training.

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