

# Guide to Holiday Recycling

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## Gift Wrap and Gift Bags

**Traditional Gift Wrap:** Plain, recycled white or Kraft paper is easiest to recycle. Printed gift wrap, without shine, is recyclable. Avoid wrap with foil, glitter, and velvet!



**Gift Bags:** Plain, elegant, Kraft bags are great single-use options (but please reuse them a few times before recycling!). Skip shiny, glittery bags which are not recyclable. If you can spring for reusable options, these are the best!



**Bows:** Standard bows are typically unrecyclable (though they should be reused!). Natural fibers (hemp, raffia, etc) are great, compostable and naturally biodegradable alternative. Fabrics create beautiful wraps with natural, reusable bows.



## Trees, Lights and Holiday Cards

**Christmas Trees:** Skip plastic trees unless you plan to use them for 20+ seasons as they are carbon intensive to manufacture and non recyclable. Opt for sustainably grown trees or potted options. Wooden trees are a nice alternative if real trees aren't an option.



**Holiday Cards:** Skip shiny, glittery cards (and if you get them, reuse them for decor). Opt for simple recyclable ones.

**Lights;** Recycle light strings that don't work anymore!



## Boxes and Tissue Paper

**Christmas Trees:** Uncoated boxes are recyclable. Coated, heavily foiled or printed boxes are not. Tissue paper is typically recyclable, but some providers as that you compost this material. Note that glittery or foiled tissue paper cannot be composted.

