



Wellesley RDF's 2023 Holiday Waste Reduction Guide

Remember: between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, household waste increases by more than 25% - over 1,000,000 tons per week.

Use the 3R tips below to make the holiday season greener:

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

- 1. Donations** - Reduce by donating clothing, toys & unwanted gifts. Contact Big Brother Big Sister Foundation - they do free home pick-ups of clothing & more. Learn more at bbbsfoundation.org or call 508-466-4590. And donate food to our local Wellesley Food Pantry: wellesleyfoodpantry.org 781-235-1188
- 2. Gift buying & giving** - Remember wrapping paper is NOT recyclable! Use reusable bags & recycled materials, choose rechargeable toys & batteries, shop locally to both support businesses & reduce your shipping costs + packaging! Consider event tickets, museum memberships, a donation to a charity in the person's name, OR your own handmade food or gifts.
- 3. Decorations** - Choose Energy Star energy-efficient lighting - *LED outdoor holiday lights use only 1/50th of conventional lights*. Save ribbons, bows, boxes, bags & décor for the next holiday. Use a potted tree that can be replanted and recycle all trees, wreaths & brush at the RDF (remove all decorations 1st please).
- 4. Clean Up** - Reuse packing & shipping materials! **Wrapping paper & styrofoam are NOT recyclable!** Recycle your: electronics & batteries, all clean flattened cardboard, mixed 'office' paper. **Note: Holiday lights and extension cords can be recycled in the metals recycling area (Copper container)!**

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