



Wellesley RDF's 2024 Holiday Waste Reduction Guide

WOW! Between Thanksgiving & New Year's Day, household waste increases by over 1,000,000 tons per week - that's more than 25%!

Use 3R tips (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) below to make the holiday season greener:

- 1. Donations** - Reduce by donating your 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. Please donate food to our local Wellesley Food Pantry: wellesleyfoodpantry.org 781-235-1188
- 2. Gift buying & giving** - Wrapping paper is NOT recyclable - please use reusable bags & recycled materials. Choose rechargeable toys & batteries! Shop locally to both support businesses & reduce your shipping costs + packaging! For gifts - please also consider event tickets, museum memberships, a donation to a charity in the person's name, OR use your own handmade food, crafts, or gifts!
- 3. Decorations** - *LED outdoor holiday lights use only 1/50th of conventional lights* - choose Energy Star energy-efficient lighting! Save your ribbons, bows, boxes, bags & décor for the next holiday! Recycle your trees, wreaths & brush at the RDF (but remove all decorations 1st please). Try to use a potted tree that can be replanted.
- 4. Clean Up** - Wrapping paper & styrofoam are NOT recyclable! **Please reuse** your packing & shipping materials! **Please recycle** your: electronics & batteries, all clean flattened cardboard, mixed 'office' paper & more! **Remember:** Holiday lights & extension cords get recycled in the metals recycling area (Copper container)!

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Snow closures, etc!

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