6 Ways to Go Green this Holiday Season

1. **Use LED Holiday Lights**
   LED lights last up to 10 times longer, use 80% less energy than traditional incandescent holiday lights and are ENERGY STAR qualified. They are also more durable and shock resistant because they do not have moving parts, filaments or glass. Don’t forget to recycle your old lights!

2. **Re-charge it!**
   Every year over 15 billion batteries are produced worldwide, and many are alkaline batteries that are thrown out after just one use. Replace your alkaline batteries with rechargeable ones. Newer models can charge in as little as 15 minutes! Save money and help the environment at the same time.

3. **Make Gatherings Zero Waste**
   Instead of disposable tableware, serve food on real, reusable dishware. Borrow dish sets and utensils from friends, or go thrift store shopping for a special holiday set. Decorate the table with gourds and squash, bowls full of apples, or other seasonal fruits and veggies. Prevent food waste: Ask friends to bring containers for leftovers.

4. **Stop Junk Mail**
   The holidays can bring catalogs and other mail asking you to buy, buy, buy. But you can stop them! As soon as you receive an unwanted publication, call their 1-800 number and ask to be removed from their list. Learn more tricks, including 6 steps to getting and staying off mailing lists, at ecocycle.org/junkmail.

5. **Wrap it & Pack it Eco-Style**
   While we will be accepting wrapping paper for a limited time, its high-clay and low-paper content makes it difficult to recycle. Instead, get creative and choose reused/reusable alternatives like comics, posters, maps, blueprints, or calendars (all recyclable), fabric, reusable paper or cloth gift bags, bandannas, etc. For shipping, replace foam or bubble wrap with balled up newspaper or magazine pages.

6. **Don’t give “stuff”**
   Instead of buying new products or things for your friends and loved ones, give meaningful gifts that will enhance their lives. Some ideas...
   - Give experiences in the form of gift cards to museums, parks, or the movies.
   - Give something edible; make a dessert or a healthy snack packaged in reusable mason jars.
   - Give products that will help your friends and family go green, such as stainless steel water bottles, mugs, or reusable lunch/to-go containers, like those pictured.

Read our complete Holiday Guide online at www.ecocycle.org/holidayguide
Check the A-Z Recycling Guide as your year-round guide to recycling everything from Appliances to Zippers: www.ecocycle.org/a-zguide
Don’t forget to recycle all of these holidays leftovers!

Batteries
RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY, NOT in curbside bins
Rechargeable Batteries:
• Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility
• Longmont Waste Diversion Center
Alkaline Batteries:
• Check listings at ecocycle.org/a- childs

Cooking Oil
RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY – NOT in curbside bins:
• ChARM: $3 facility fee applies
• Longmont Waste Diversion Center

Food Scraps
COMPOST in curbside bins and at:
• ChARM; Fees apply. Visit ecocycle.org/a- childs
• Longmont Waste Diversion Center

Paper Scraps
RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY – NOT in curbside bins:
• ChARM (Boulder); $3 facility fee applies
• Longmont Waste Diversion Center

Wrapping Paper
for a limited time only in BOULDER & LONGMONT: Dec 26-Jan 31
RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY (no fee), NOT in curbside bins:
• Boulder County Recycling Center
• ChARM in the bin marked “Wrapping Paper”
• Longmont Waste Diversion Center

Paper Shopping Bags & Cardboard Boxes
RECYCLE in curbside bins. Large staples & shiny graphics OK. REMOVE non-paper handles (string, etc), metal grommets.

Electronics & Appliances
RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS:
• ChARM (fees apply)
  • with a responsible company listed here: ecocycle.org/a- childs/electronics
Disposing of electronics in the trash is illegal in Colorado.

Holiday Cards
REUSE cards as next year’s gift tags or place-setting cards.
RECYCLE in curbside bins and drop-off centers. NO cards embossed with foil or other non-paper material. NO non-paper items such as ribbons, photos or photo paper.

Dark Envelopes
NOT RECYCLABLE. OK in COMPOST
Dark-colored envelopes such as reds and greens are not recyclable. White/light-colored paper envelopes are OK to recycle curbside.

Plastic Bags
Includes grocery/checkout bags, dry-cleaner bags and Ziploc-style bags
RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY, NOT in curbside bins:
• ChARM (Boulder); $3 facility fee applies
• Longmont Waste Diversion Center
  • Participating Grocery Stores: Find locations at ecocycle.org/a- childs.
Bags must be clean, dry and empty.
NO tape. Plastic bags are NOT recyclable in curbside bins. Visit ecocycle.org/charm for details.

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Holiday String Lights & Extension Cords
RECYCLE AS SCRAP METAL AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY (no fee): NOT in curbside bins
• ChARM
• Nederland Transfer Station and Recycling Center
• Longmont Waste Diversion Center in specially-marked cart during staffed hours
• Allenspark Drop-Off Center
Attached light bulbs are OK. Please bundle cords & tie with the loose end so they don’t get caught in machinery.

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Packing Peanuts
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Tree Recycling
See listings below to learn where to recycle a tree in your community.
Please be sure to remove all tinsel, lights, stands, etc. Do not leave other materials such as garlands, wreaths, or trash.

Boulder County/City of Boulder
Yard Waste and Wood Drop-off Center
westerndisposal.com; Curbside collection also available. 303-444-2037

Erie
erieco.gov, 303-926-2887

Lafayette
cityoflafayette.com, 303-661-1306

Louisville
louisvilleco.gov, 303-335-4735

Longmont
longmontcolorado.gov, 303-651-8416

Superior
superiorcolorado.gov/community/trash-recycling; 303-499-3675

More tips and resources for making your holidays green at www.ecocycle.org/holidayguide

Got Recycling Questions?
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Email: recycle@ecocycle.org
Eco-Cycle Recycling Hotline: 303-444-6634

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Drop-off Center Info:
Boulder County Recycling Center
1901 63rd St., Boulder; Open 24 hours
Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility (HMMF)
1901 63rd St., enter at the Boulder County Recycling Center, follow signs
Open Wed–Sat, 8:30am–4pm

Eco-Cycle/City of Boulder ChARM:
Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials
6400 Arapahoe Rd., Boulder
Co-located with ReSource
Mon–Sat, 9am–5pm; Closed Sundays
Fees apply for some materials. For a full list and prices, visit www.ecocycle.org/charm

Longmont Waste Diversion Center
For residents only. Bring your ID and a recent utility bill to show you are a City of Longmont trash subscription customer.
140 Martin St., Longmont
Staffed hours: Mon–Sat, 7:30am–4:45pm
Closed Sundays, Dec 25 and Jan 1.
www.longmontcolorado.gov
ecocycle.org/yourcommunity/longmont

Allenspark Transfer Station & Recycling Drop-off Center
County Rd. 94 & State Hwy. 7.
Open Sun, Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Closed Tues & Thurs

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