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 reusable mugs, water bottles, bags or lunch containers.

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.

Wrap it & Pack it Eco-Style  
While the City of Longmont will be accepting wrapping paper for a limited time (see reverse side), 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.

Reduce Food Waste  
Roughly 40% of all the food grown in the U.S. is thrown away. Prevent waste with careful planning: This “Guest-imator” tool can help: savefoood.com/guestimator. Stick to your shopping list. If there are leftovers, encourage guests to take them home in reusable containers and freeze the rest for an easy meal on another day.

Use LED Holiday Lights  
Traditional incandescent holiday lights are huge energy-suckers, so much so we recommend recycling your old lights and investing in LEDs. They may cost a little more up front, but holiday LED lights consume 80% less energy and last up to 25 times longer.

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.

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LongmontColorado.gov/wasteservices  
EcoCycle.org/holidayguide
Batteries
RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS
ONLY, NOT in curbside bins
• Longmont Waste Diversion Center
• Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility
• Check listings at:
  bit.ly/longmont-wastewizard

Rechargeable Batteries:
• Longmont Waste Diversion Center
• Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility

Alkaline Batteries:
• Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility
• Check listings at:
  bit.ly/longmont-wastewizard

Wrapping Paper
for a limited time only: Dec 26-Jan 18
(no fee), NOT in curbside bins:
• Longmont Waste Diversion Center

Wrapping paper covered with tape.
Paper, ribbons, bows, ornaments, tissue paper, fluorescent or dark paper, or wrapping paper covered with tape.

Holiday String Lights & Extension Cords
RECYCLE AS SCRAP METAL (no fee), NOT in curbside bins:
• Longmont Waste Diversion Center
Dec. 26 - Jan. 18 in specially-marked cart during staffed hours (can also be recycled as scrap metal year-round)
Attached light bulbs are OK. Please bundle cords & tie with the loose end so they don’t get caught in machinery.

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 ribbons, photos or photo paper.

Dark Envelopes
NOT RECYCLABLE, ARE COMPOSTABLE
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:
• Longmont Waste Diversion Center
• Participating Grocery Stores;
  Find locations at bit.ly/longmont-wastewizard
  Bags must be clean, dry and empty.
  NO tape. Plastic bags are NOT recyclable in curbside bins. Visit ecocycle.org/charm for details.

Paper Shopping Bags & Cardboard Boxes
RECYCLE curbside or drop-off center. Large staples & shiny graphics OK.

Packing Peanuts
NOT RECYCLABLE, REUSE ONLY,
take to packing & shipping store, find locations at bit.ly/longmont-wastewizard

Bible Wrap
RECYCLE at Eco-Cycle CHaRM ONLY, NOT in curbside bins.

Tissue Paper
COMPOST in curbside bins and at these locations:
• Longmont Waste Diversion Center
  NO glitter or other non-paper items.

Food Scraps
COMPOST in your curbside compost bin (available by subscription from the City of Longmont) or at Longmont Waste Diversion Center.

Cooking Oil
RECYCLE AT Longmont Waste Diversion Center – NOT in curbside bins.

Drop-off Center Info:
LONGMONT:
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 (until April): Mon–Sat, 7:30am–4:45pm
LongmontColorado.gov/wasteservices

BOULDER COUNTY:
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 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 Tree Recycling
Please be sure to remove all tinsel, lights, stands, etc. Do not leave other materials like garlands, wreaths, or trash. No bagged trees.

From Dec. 26, 2018 through Jan. 6, 2019 the City of Longmont will provide four satellite Christmas tree drop-off locations:
Roosevelt Park - In the parking lot South of 8th Avenue and Pratt Street, by Roosevelt Activity Pool.
Garden Acres Park - In the parking lot at 18th Avenue and Tulip Street.
Kanemoto Park - In the parking lot at South Pratt Parkway and South Coffman Street.
Centennial Park - In the parking lot at Alpine Street and Verdant Circle.

In addition, you can recycle your Christmas tree at the Waste Diversion Center. Most trees collected are taken to the Waste Division Center and ground into mulch available to residents. A small number of the trees will be placed in lakes within City parks and nature areas to create fish habitats.