Don’t Give “Stuff”
Instead of buying new products, give meaningful gifts like experiences to concerts, restaurants, or spas. Or gift something edible like a homemade dessert or a healthy snack packaged in reusable mason jars. Consider donating to a charity important to your loved one by making a gift in their name.

Sustainable Holiday Gift Tags & Cards
Cards embossed with foil, glitter, ribbons, and other materials are not recyclable, nor are cards printed on photo paper. Instead, consider sending e-cards. If you do purchase holiday cards, make sure they can be recycled by choosing cards that do not have any non-paper embellishments like foil or ribbon. Even better: Look for cards that contain post-consumer recycled content, or try finding plantable cards. If you have holiday cards lying around that cannot be recycled, you can repurpose them as gift tags or place settings.

Zero Waste Gift Wrapping
While Eco-Cycle will accept wrapping paper for a limited time, we encourage you to avoid it as its high clay and low paper content makes it difficult to recycle. Instead, choose reused/reusable options like posters, maps, or calendars (all recyclable), fabric, and reusable gift bags. If you do end up purchasing wrapping paper, avoid metallic or glitter wrapping paper, as it cannot be recycled.

Stop Junk Mail
The holidays can bring an overflow of catalogs and other mail asking you to buy, buy, buy. But you can stop it! As soon as you receive an unwanted publication, call the 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.

Make Gatherings Zero Waste
Instead of disposable tableware, serve food on real, reusable dishware. Borrow dish sets and glassware 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.

Give the Gift of Zero Waste!
Give your loved ones reusable, waste-cutting essentials to help them go Zero Waste, such as stainless steel water bottles, mugs, utensil kits, or reusable food containers. You can find these items at many local stores, or shop online at Earth Hero, Buy Me Once, and The Good Trade, to find sustainably-sourced gifts!

Prevent Food Waste
Prevent food waste during the holidays with careful planning. Save the Food’s “Guest-imator” tool (www.savethefood.com/guestimator) can help you plan out meals for large gatherings. Stick to your grocery list and assess how much of each ingredient you actually need. If there are leftovers, encourage guests to take them home in reusable containers and freeze the rest for an easy meal on another day.

Check out our complete Holiday Guide online at ecocycle.org/holidayguide
Don’t forget to recycle all of these holidays leftovers!

Holiday String Lights & Extension Cords
RECYCLE AS SCRAP METAL AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY, NOT in curbside bins.
• ChRM: $3 facility fee applies
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• Boulder County Recycling Center
• Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility
• Recycling Drop-off Center

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
COMPOSTABLE, NOT RECYCLABLE
Dark-colored envelopes such as reds and greens are not recyclable. White-light-colored paper envelopes are OK to recycle curbside.

Wrapping Paper
for a limited time only in BOULDER & LONGMONT.
RECYCLE at these locations only, NOT in curbside bins:
• ChRM: $3 facility fee applies
• Boulder County Recycling Center
• Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility
• Recycle at a staffed drop-off center

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

Plastic Bags
REUSE ONLY, NOT RECYCLABLE
Take to packing & shipping store, find locations at ecocycle.org/a-zguide. Bags must be clean, dry and empty. NO tape. Plastic bags are NOT recyclable in curbside bins. Visit ecocycle.org/charm for details.

Food Scraps
COMPOST in curbside bins and at:
• ChRM; Fees apply. Visit ecocycle.org/charm for details.
• Longmont Waste Diversion Center
• Nederland Transfer Station & Recycling Drop-off Center

Cooking Oil
RECYCLE at these locations only – NOT in curbside bins:
• ChRM: $3 facility fee applies
• Longmont Waste Diversion Center

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

Eco-Cycle Recycling Hotline: 303-444-6634
Email: recycle@ecocycle.org
A-Z Recycling Guide: ecocycle.org/a-zguide

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
Ph: 720.564.2251

Eco-Cycle/City of Boulder ChRM:
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
Ph: 303.444.6634

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
(Holiday recycling drop-off area is open)
www.longmontcolorado.gov
Ph: 303.651.8416

Nederland Transfer Station & Recycling Drop-off Center
286 Ridge Road, Nederland
See website for hours: www.bouldercounty.org/environment/trash/nederland-transfer-and-recycle
Ph: 303.258.7878

Allenspark Transfer Station & Recycling Drop-off Center
14857 State Highway 7
Open Sun, Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm;
Closed Tues & Thurs
Ph: 303.747.2107

Lyons Drop-Off Recycling Center
192 2nd Ave, on the south side of the lot
Open everyday, from dawn to dusk
Ph: 720.564.2220

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 like 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; 303-926-2870

Lafayette
cityoflafayette.com, 303-681-1306

Louisville
louisvilleco.gov, 303-335-4733

Longmont
longmontcolorado.gov, 303-651-8416

Superior
superiorcolorado.gov/services/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