Don’t Give “Stuff”
Instead of buying new products for your loved ones, give the gift of an experience, philanthropy, or knowledge, such as a membership, a donation to a nonprofit, or a subscription to an online course. Or gift something edible like a dessert or a healthy snack packaged in a reusable jar. Also consider products that will help reduce waste, such as reusable water bottles, mugs, straws, and to-go containers.

Zero Waste Gift Wrapping
Most gift-wrapping paper has more clay content than paper fiber, making it difficult to recycle. Instead, choose reusable gift bags, fabric, or items in your home to wrap gifts like recyclable comics, posters, maps, or calendars. If you are shipping gifts, replace foam or bubble wrap with balled-up, recyclable paper.

Sustainable Gift Tags & Cards
Have old holiday cards lying around? Repurpose them as gift tags or place-setting cards. Consider sending out e-cards this holiday season instead of cards printed on photo paper, which cannot be recycled. Similarly, cards embossed with foil, glitter, or ribbons cannot be recycled.

Stop Junk Mail
The holidays can bring catalogs and other mail urging you to buy, buy, buy. But you can prevent 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 six 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 foraged greenery, gourds and squash, bowls full of apples, or other seasonal fruits and veggies. And, to prevent food waste, use planning tools available at savethefood.com.

Use LED Holiday Lights
Traditional incandescent holiday lights are huge energy-suckers! 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.

Recharge It!
Every year, over 15 billion batteries are produced worldwide, and many are alkaline batteries that are thrown out after use. Replace your alkaline batteries with rechargeable ones. Newer models can charge in as little as 15 minutes!
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

Electronics & Appliances
RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS:
- Eco-Cycle ChaRM; facility fee applies
- an e-Steward certified recycler such as those listed here: ecocycle.org/a-zguide/electronics

Disposing of electronics in the trash is illegal in Colorado.

Food Scraps
COMPOST in curbside bins and at:
- Eco-Cycle ChaRM; facility fee applies
- Longmont Waste Diversion Center
- Nederland Transfer Station & Recycling Drop-Off Center

Cooking Oil
RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY—NOT in curbside bins:
- Eco-Cycle ChaRM; facility fee applies
- Longmont Waste Diversion Center

Plastic Bags
Includes grocery bags, dry-cleaner bags, and zip-top bags (no zip pouches). RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY, NOT in curbside bins:
- Eco-Cycle ChaRM: facility fee applies
- Longmont Waste Diversion Center
- Find other locations at ecocycle.org/charm

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

Packaging Peanuts
REUSE ONLY, NOT RECYCLABLE
Take to packing & shipping stores; find locations at ecocycle.org/a-zguide

Bubbles Wrap
RECYCLE AT Eco-Cycle ChaRM and participating plastic film recycling collections, NOT in curbside bins.

Tissue Paper
COMPOST in curbside bins and at these locations:
- Eco-Cycle ChaRM; facility fee applies
- Longmont Waste Diversion Center
NO glitter, tape, or other non-paper items.

Thin Foam Wrapping Sheets
RECYCLE AT Eco-Cycle ChaRM; facility fee applies
Place in bin marked for “Plastic Bags & Bubble Wrap.”

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#6 White Block Foam
(aka Styrofoam*)
RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY, NOT in curbside bins:
- Eco-Cycle ChaRM; facility fee applies
- Longmont Waste Diversion Center
This is the material typically used to package computers, TVs, wine, etc.
NO food-grade foam (to-go containers, meat trays, egg cartons, disposable cups, etc.), moisture, tape, packing peanuts (see listing), bubble wrap (see listing), bendable foam, any foam other than #6, or any color other than white.

Wrapping Paper
If possible, avoid using gift wrapping paper as it is a very low-grade material and generally considered a contaminant in the recycling bin because of its high clay and ink content and low fiber content. Instead, use wrapping paper alternatives that are recyclable, such as brown kraft paper, maps, blueprints, posters, newspaper, or reusable options such as gift bags and fabric.

For a limited time (Dec 26–Jan 31) RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS:
- Eco-Cycle ChaRM in the bin marked “Wrapping Paper”, facility fee applies
- Longmont Waste Diversion Center in Simple Stream Recycling bins.
NO metallic wrapping paper, ribbons, bows, ornaments, tissue paper, dark or fluorescent paper, or tape.

Holiday String Lights & Extension Cords
RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY, NOT in curbside bins:
- Eco-Cycle ChaRM; facility fee applies
- Nederland Transfer Station and Recycling Center
- Longmont Waste Diversion Center
- 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.

Holiday Cards
REUSE cards as next year’s gift tags or place-setting cards.
RECYCLE in curbside bins and at 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.

Paper
COMPOST in curbside bins and at these locations:
- Eco-Cycle ChaRM; facility fee applies
- Longmont Waste Diversion Center
NO glitter, tape, or other non-paper items.

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Got Recycling Questions?
A–Z Recycling Guide: ecocycle.org/a-zguide
Email: recycle@ecocycle.org
Eco-Cycle Recycling Helpline: 303-444-6634

Drop-Off Centers in Boulder County
Many facilities require face coverings and social distancing. Please call the facility or visit its website for the most up-to-date information related to COVID-19 safety protocols and hours of operation.

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. By appointment only, visit bouldercounty.gov/environment/hazardous-waste/

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

Longmont Waste Diversion Center
140 Martin St., Longmont.
For residents only. Bring your ID and a recent utility bill to show you are a City of Longmont trash subscription customer.

Nederland Transfer Station & Recycling Drop-Off Center
286 Ridge Road, Nederland
Hours: Thurs–Tues, 8 am–4 pm.
Closed Dec 24 (half day) and Dec 25, and Dec 31 (half day) and Jan 1. bouldercounty.gov/environment/trash/nederland-transfer-and-recycle

Allenspark Transfer Station & Recycling Drop-Off Center
County Rd 84 & State Hwy 7
Open Sun, Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat: 10 am–4 pm
Closed Dec 24 (half day) and Dec 25, and Dec 31 (half day) and Jan 1. https://www.bouldercounty.gov/environment/trash/allenspark-transfer-and-recycle

Lyons Drop-Off Recycling Center
198 2nd Ave, on the south side of the lot. Open daily, from dawn to dusk.

Local Tree Recycling Programs
Please be sure to remove all decor, tinsel, lights, stands, wire, etc. Do not leave other materials like garlands, wreaths, or trash.

Boulder County/City of Boulder: Accepting trees 12/27/21–1/31/22 at Western Disposal, 5880 Butte Mill Rd. Trees can also be picked up curbside on your residential compost day until Jan 31 (if tree is longer than 6 feet, please cut top off and place in compost bin), 303-444-2037

Erie: Accepting trees of less than 12-inch diameter year-round. Open daily, 8 am–4 pm, at 1000 Briggs St. erieco.gov, 303-926-2880

Lafayette: Accepting Christmas trees ONLY 12/22/21–1/28/22 at 1700 Avalon Ave. Mon–Fri, 8 am–2:30 pm *Closed 12/26/21, closed 1/17/22 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Please do not flocked trees. Residents may bring trees to the service Center and load them into provided dumpsters. lafayettedenver.com, 303-661-1306

Longmont: Accepting trees at the Waste Diversion Ctr, 12/26/21–1/9/22; Mon–Sat, 8 am–4 pm. Collections also at Roosevelt, Garden Acres, Kenmoto, and Centennial Park. longmontcolorado.gov, 303-651-8416

Superior: Accepting trees 12/26/21–1/31/22, 8 am–5 pm daily at 2125 Honey Creek Lane. superiorcolorado.gov, 303-493-3675