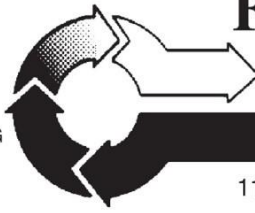


REDUCTION  
RECYCLING  
COMPOSTING  
DISPOSAL



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## Holiday Recycling Guidelines

During the holiday season, the average American family increases household trash volume by over 25% ([US EPA](#)). A large portion of this trash could be avoided, reused, recycled, or composted. Reducing holiday waste can help your household save money on "Pay As You Throw" town trash stickers or bags, save money for your town, and reduce your carbon footprint.

### Yes, please DO RECYCLE these:

- ✓ gift wrap, tissue paper (no foil, metallic inks, or glitter.) Tape is OK.
- ✓ paper gift bags and shopping bags
- ✓ greeting cards (except those with foil, glitter, or batteries)
- ✓ envelopes (plastic windows are OK)
- ✓ catalogs, calendars
- ✓ cardboard: corrugated, paperboard

TIP: Keep a recycle bin or paper bag handy near gift wrapping and unwrapping.



### No, please DO NOT recycle:

- ⊗ ribbons, bows, tinsel (reuse or trash)
- ⊗ holiday light strings (acceptable in scrap metal recycling)
- ⊗ Christmas tree netting
- ⊗ bubble wrap, packing peanuts, polystyrene (Styrofoam) (clean packing materials accepted for reuse at Greenfield UPS Store)
- ⊗ plastic bags (clean, dry plastic bags marked #2 or #4 accepted in retail store programs)
- ⊗ plastic "blister pack" packaging (i.e. from toys and electronics)
- ⊗ photographs (traditional, glossy type)

To learn more about recycling in our region, please visit [springfieldmrf.org](http://springfieldmrf.org). (For a downloadable guide to Recycling on the Holidays, click on "What's Recyclable?")

Another way to reduce holiday trash is by composting food and paper waste generated by holiday meals. The municipal compost programs at the transfer stations in Bernardston, Conway, Deerfield, Greenfield (open to non-residents), Leverett, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Wendell, and Whately accept all types of food waste (no liquids), including meat, bones, cheese, plus paper waste such as paper napkins, paper towels, and more. Free; permits may be required.

The Solid Waste District sells discounted "Earth Machine" home compost bins and compost pails to District residents. It is not recommended to put meat, bones, dairy in home compost bins. For more details and pricing (varies by town), contact us or see: [www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/compostbinsales.html](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/compostbinsales.html)



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