



# HOW TO DEAL WITH HOLIDAY WASTE CORRECTLY

FAQ

**Air Pillows & Bubble Wrap**  
Deflate air pillows and put them with bubble wrap in the plastic bag recycling bin at the grocery store. You also can ask at local shipping stores to see if they can take it.

**PRE-MADE BOWS/FABRIC AND CURLING RIBBONS CAN BE REUSED, NOT RECYCLED!**



Styrofoam blocks can be dropped off at the Recology Store. There is a fee for non-customers. They do not accept packing peanuts.

**UNADORNED TISSUE PAPER CAN BE COMPOSTED!**

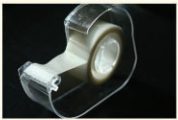
**WRAPPING PAPER (NO FOIL, NOT FLOCKED & NO EMBELLISHMENTS) - RECYCLE OR SAVE AND REUSE!**

### Cardboard Boxes

Be sure that the cardboard is dry, clean and broken down into the allowable size. They can be put in the recycling bin.



**LAMINATED/EMBEISHED WRAPPING PAPER - AVOID PURCHASING OR REUSE CAN BE USED TO MAKE GIFT TAGS**



**TAPE DISPENSERS CANNOT BE RECYCLED, BUT YOU CAN RECYCLE THE EMPTY CARDBOARD FROM RIBBONS AND WRAPPING PAPER IF IT IS CLEAN.**



**DRY & CLEAN GIFT BOXES THAT ARE NOT EMBELLISHED CAN BE RECYCLED**



**EMBEISHED OR LAMINATED GIFT BAGS CAN BE REUSED!  
FOR PAPER BAGS, CUT HANDLES OFF AND PLACE BAGS IN RECYCLING BIN.**

**CARDS**  
You can recycle cards if you remove anything that is not regular paper (flocked, metallic, foil or laminated). Repurpose anything not recyclable. Card stock can be repurposed and made into a gift tag.



**Envelopes can be recycled if you remove the foil lining.**



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Plastic Christmas trees can be taken to thrift stores or gifted to someone looking for a tree.



**REAL TREES CAN BE CUT UP IN 4- OR 6-FT SECTIONS (DEPENDING ON VENDOR) AND PLACED IN A-YARD WASTE BIN.**

**SOME SCOUT TROOPS RECYCLE REAL CHRISTMAS TREES AND MAKE THEM INTO COMPOST**

**BUBBLE WRAP MAILERS WITH PLASTIC ENVELOPES CAN BE RECYCLED WHEREVER YOU RETURN PLASTIC BAGS.**

Bubble wrap mailers with paper envelopes cannot be recycled.

**SOME HARDWARE STORES (MCLENDON'S & ACE) RECYCLE INDOOR, OUTDOOR & TREE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**



**ORNAMENTS CAN BE GIFTED OR TAKEN TO A THRIFT STORE OR REPURPOSE THEM AS DECORATIONS ON GIFTS**



**REMOVE WIRE/DECORATIONS FROM WREATH & PLACE PLANT MATTER IN YARD WASTE. REUSE ANY WIRE OR DECORATIONS.**

**OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS CAN BE TAKEN TO A THRIFT SHOP**



**DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO?**

Check out Earth911 for more information on how to reduce and recycle waste. [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com). Check with your collection service provider for local practices.

