



Make A Holiday Recycling List and Check It Twice

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PHOENIX, Nov. 26, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Americans generate 25% more waste than average between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. [Republic Services](#) (NYSE: RSG), an industry leader in U.S. recycling, reminds consumers to be mindful of the materials they use and to follow simple recycling tips to ensure their holidays are as green as they are merry.

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Holiday parties, decorations, cooking and gift-giving mean the average American household is producing about 1,000 pounds of waste during the holiday season. However, much of what is thrown away can be recycled or repurposed.

Follow these holiday recycling naughty-and-nice lists to make it easy to correctly sort and recycle the right materials, so you can focus on holiday fun.

The Nice List: What to Recycle

- Cardboard (that is clean, dry and flattened)
- Paper boxes (including gift, shoe and shipping boxes)
- Plain wrapping paper and gift bags (no glitter, foil or decorations)
- Holiday cards and envelopes (without embellishments; remove the batteries from electronic greeting cards)
- Plastic bottles and jugs (that are empty, clean and dry)
- Metal food and beverage cans (that are empty, clean and dry)

The Naughty List: What to Reuse, Donate or Discard

- Decorations including lights
- Trees – artificial and real
- Clothing and shoes
- Ribbons and bows
- Cellophane wrapping
- Fancy gift bags and wrapping paper (with foil, lamination or decorations)
- Packing materials: bubble wrap, plastic air pillows, foam sheets and packing peanuts
- Food waste
- Electronics or anything battery-powered

Never toss old phones, laptops, tablets, TVs, toys or other items with a battery into your trash or recycling. If you're replacing electronics, it's best for the environment to keep them out of the waste stream. You can either donate working electronics to a charity or check with your local service provider for special instructions and options for [electronics recycling](#).

To learn more about how you can simplify your recycling habits during the holidays, visit [RecyclingSimplified.com](#).

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Holiday Recycling Tips



Americans generate **25% more waste** during the holiday season.

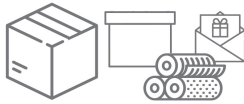
Extra food, drinks and packaging add up to about **1,000 pounds of waste per household** between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day!



Holiday Recycling Checklist

You should recycle:

- Cardboard
- Paper Boxes (gift, shoe and shipping)
- Wrapping paper (plain only)
- Holiday cards and envelopes (without embellishments)



You should reuse or dispose:

- Bubble wrap
- Ribbons and bows
- Gift bags (laminated, coated or dyed)
- Cellophane
- Packing peanuts (polystyrene foam)



Visit RecyclingSimplified.com to learn more about what you can recycle and how.



What's Recyclable When I Receive a...

✓ YES

⊘ NO

Paper contents



Padded Envelope?

Bubble wrap
Mixed-media mailer
Windowed envelope

Tissue paper
Newsprint paper
Cardboard box (flattened)



Shipping Box?

Packing peanuts
Bubble wrap
Polystyrene foam
Plastic air-pack

Bills
Paper cards
Envelope



Paper Envelope?

Cards with foil, glitter
or embellishments

Tissue paper



Gift Bag?

Gift bag
Bubble wrap

Plain wrapping paper
Gift box
Tissue paper



Wrapped Gift Box?

Wrapping paper with foil,
glitter or embellishments
Bows & Ribbon
Tags
Bubble wrap

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HOLIDAY RECYCLING

NAUGHTY (not recyclable)

Bubble wrap
Metallic wrapping paper
Ribbon and bows
Gift bags
(if coated, laminated, dyed)
Sticky gift labels
Foam peanuts

NICE (recyclable)

Gift boxes
Tissue paper
Shoe boxes
Cards & envelopes
Gift bag (if paper)
Wrapping paper
(non-metallic)



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