



HOLIDAY ZERO WASTE GUIDE 2019

GIFT GIVING WITHOUT THE WASTE

SHOP & BUY LOCAL

Support local by shopping at local businesses and holiday craft fairs. Don't forget to bring your own bags when you shop!

HOMEMADE GIFTS

Reuse materials you already have to make a gift. Make something consumable, such as holiday cookies or hot cocoa mix.

NON-MATERIAL GIFTS

Consumable gifts - like local teas, coffees, preserves, soaps, & candles.

Experiential gifts - gift certificate for a massage, movies, favorite restaurant, reservations for a vacation or tickets to a concert.

Donations - Give to a charity in someone's name.

LIST SHARING

Share a list of items you need and places you patron with your family and friends that you plan to do a gift exchange with. Make sure you ask them to share their list, too!

REDUCE GIFT WRAP WASTE

Reuse newspaper and scrap paper to wrap gifts. Use reusable fabric bags. Make the wrap a useful part of the gift - for example, wrap the gift in a scarf. Use reusable cloth ribbons and twine or ditch the ribbon altogether.

WRAPPING PAPER

If using wrapping paper, use paper from a thrift store or recycled content paper. Save intact paper for reuse. Recycle non-metallic paper in curbside recycling.

PAPER GIFT BAGS

Check thrift stores first before buying new. Save bags to reuse for future gifts. If unable to be reused, recycle in curbside recycling.

CARDBOARD

Reuse cardboard for storage or crafts. Flattened cardboard can be recycled curbside. Cardboard must fit inside cart with lid closed. Extra cardboard pickups can be scheduled for \$25 at **734-662-6288**.

SEASONS GREETINGS

Consider sending an electronic card or giving a phone call. Send greeting cards made w/ recycled content. Reuse the fronts of cards as gift tags or for crafts. Recycle holiday cards and envelopes.

A TO Z ZERO WASTE GUIDE

Check our A to Z Zero Waste Guide at recycleannarbor.org for how to recycle or reuse batteries, textiles, electronics, bubble wrap, styrofoam, packaging and other zero waste tips.

RECYCLE ANN ARBOR WISHES YOU A ZERO WASTE HOLIDAY!

2019-2020

Holiday Hours

Curbside Collection:

No curbside collection on Wed. Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st. There will be a 1-day delay for routes Thurs.- Sat.

Drop-Off Station:

*2950 E. Ellsworth, Ann Arbor
734-971-7400*

Will be closed on Tues. Dec. 24th, Wed. Dec. 25th, Tues. Dec. 31st, & Wed. Jan. 1st.

Recovery Yard:

*7891 Jackson, Ann Arbor
734-426-2280*

Will be closed on Tues. Dec. 24th, Wed. Dec. 25th, Tues. Dec. 31st & Wed. Jan. 1st.

ReUse Center:

*2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor
734-222-7880*

Open 10 am to 2 pm on Tues. Dec. 24th & Tues. Dec. 31st. Closed on Wed. Dec. 25th & Wed. Jan. 1

CHRISTMAS TREE

DROP-OFF:

Fri. Dec. 13 to Fri. Jan. 31
6 am to 10 pm at Southeast Area Park, West Park, Gallup Park, & Olson Park.

ZERO WASTE CELEBRATIONS

HOLIDAY MEALS & DECOR

REDUCE: PLAN AHEAD TO REDUCE FOOD THAT GOES TO WASTE

Make a shopping list with items you need. Check your pantry and refrigerator before you go to the store. Make a menu and coordinate with friends and family so you don't duplicate dishes. Use an online portion planner to figure out exactly how much food you need. Check out savethefood.com.

REUSE: GET CREATIVE BY REUSING FOODS YOU DON'T USUALLY EAT AND COMBINING LEFTOVERS

Look online for creative ways to use parts of foods you typically don't eat - broccoli stalks can be chopped up & roasted. Use bones & veggie scraps to make a broth. Search online for ways to combine holiday leftovers for a new meal.

RECYCLE: GIVE A NEW PURPOSE TO THE FOOD YOU KNOW YOU WILL NOT EAT.

Donate unopened & non-perishable items to Food Gatherers. Compost spoiled food.

MINIMIZE DISPOSABLES

Use reusable plates, bowls, cups, cutlery, & cloth napkins. Check the Reuse Center if you need more. Buy drinks in bulk rather than individual serving sizes.

STRING LIGHTS

Save energy by using timers & LED lights. Recycle broken lights at Drop-Off Station.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Support your local tree farm.

ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREES

Shop the ReUse Center for artificial trees. Donate trees to the Reuse Center.

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