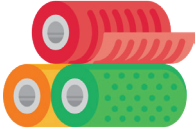


# What to do with HOLIDAY WASTE



## WRAPPING PAPER

- Plain decorative wrapping paper is recyclable.
- Paper with foil is not recyclable and belongs in the trash.
- The cardboard tube of paper is recyclable.



## GIFT BAGS

- Save them to reuse next year (and the year after that).
- Do not place these bags into the recycling!
- These bags should go into the trash.



## BOWS & RIBBONS

- These go into the trash (or stored to use again next year).
- Be sure to separate them from the wrapping paper.



## GREETING CARDS

- Simple greeting cards can be recycled.
- Ones with foil, glitter, or other metallic embellishments belong in the trash.
- Cards that play music need to have the battery and music device removed.



## GIFT CARDS

- If they cannot be re-loaded with funds and used again, they belong in the trash.
- String / Twine / Twist Ties – these tangles all belong in the trash.



## PLASTIC ODDS & ENDS

- Toys and other gifts are often secured to their boxes with plastic tabs – these go into the trash.
- Straps, sheets, plastic wrapping of video games, and a lot of other plastic stuff that comes with our gifts belong in the trash, too.
- The triangle with a number only shows what kind of plastic the item is made from - that symbol doesn't mean its recyclable.



**RECHARGE IT!** Over 15 billion batteries are produced worldwide each year; many are alkaline batteries that are thrown out after one use. Replace your alkaline batteries with rechargeable ones, which can charge in 15 minutes. Save money and help the environment!



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