

Holiday Recycling Guide

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To many, the holiday season is “the most wonderful time of the year,” but for those in the garbage disposal business it is also the busiest time of the year due to the increase in trash generation resulting from holiday festivities. In fact, in the period between Thanksgiving and New Year's, American households generate 25% more waste. There are many simple things that people can do to reduce the amount of trash they generate during the holiday season.

Holiday Lights Recycling

Broken or unused holiday lights cannot be recycled at the curb or placed in your recycling bins. But you can recycle them a few ways. Check with your [local municipality](#) first. They may accept them in their electronics recycling program. If not, you can drop them off at the BCUA Electronics Recycling Depot. [Click here for additional information.](#)

Re-Charge It!

Why not switch to rechargeable batteries? Every year, over 15 billion batteries are produced worldwide, and many are alkaline batteries that are thrown out after just one use! Replace your alkaline batteries with rechargeable ones!

Use LED Lights!

Traditional incandescent holiday lights are huge energy suckers! We recommend investing in LEDs. They may cost a bit more up front, but holiday LED lights consume 80% less energy and last up to 25 times longer!

Stop Junk Mail!

The holiday catalogs bring other mail asking you to buy, but you can stop it! As soon as you receive an unwanted publication, call the 1-800 number and ask to be removed from the list. It's easy!

Trees!

What goes up, must come down. Recycle your holiday trees. Contact your [local municipality](#) and see when they are collecting trees for mulching.

Zero Waste?

Smaller gatherings can bring reusable dishware rather than disposable tableware. Serve your holiday favorites on real dishware this holiday season. Prevent food waste by planning for the appropriate servings for your group!

Repurpose tags and cards!

Have old holiday cards? Repurpose them as gift tags or place setting cards. Consider sending out electronic-cards (e-cards) this holiday!

