



REDUCING REUSING RECYCLING

During the Holidays

Did you know that Americans generate 25% more waste than average between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day? Be mindful of the environment with these holiday suggestions from Oaks Dumpster Rental.

Wrap and Decorate Wisely!
These holiday items **CANNOT** be recycled

- Bubble wrap
- Cellophane
- Ribbons and bows
- Batteries
- Holiday lights
- Foam packaging
- Tinsel
- Metallic or glitter wrapping paper
- Clothing
- Shoes

Save boxes, gift tags, bags, ribbons, and bows to reuse next year.

Cardboard boxes from toys may be recycled if any plastic "windows" are separated from the box.

Give experiences instead of products. Gift cards to movies, concert tickets, and other non-material presents not only reduce waste — they create lasting memories.

If you don't want to save Christmas boxes for reuse, break them down and put them in the recycling bin.

Did Santa bring you a new laptop or tablet? Don't throw the old one in the recycling bin or trash can! Electronics should be taken to Best Buy, Staples, or another facility for recycling. Search electronic recycling to find the best location near you.

When you're out Christmas shopping, bring your own shopping bag. Reusable bags aren't just for the grocery store!

Look for sustainable gifts when shopping. Many brands use recycled materials in their products. You can find clothing, shoes, and more made from plastic bottles, reused fibers, ocean plastic, or recycled paper.

Make sure your recycled food or beverage containers are free of residue before they go in the bin.

Having a party? Put a container out to collect recycling next to the garbage can. Your guests can drop their cans and bottles right in!

Another party tip: Use regular cutlery, plates, and cups. Yes, you need to wash them after the party, but plastic utensils are not recyclable and 40 billion are used and thrown away every year — just in the US! Choose an eco-friendly dish soap and enlist some helpers to clean up.

Wrap a gift within a gift. Wrap gifts in scarves, flower pots, cookie tins, baskets, or other items that are part of the overall present.