

Consider

Rechargeable

Batteries

Many presents, like toys and electronics, require batteries.

Giving rechargeable batteries saves money over time and protects the environment!

When handled correctly, rechargeable batteries can last for about 500 to 1,000 charge/discharge cycles.



Recycling:

- saves money
- is easy
- saves energy
- creates jobs
- saves natural resources!



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Stevens Point, WI 54481
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Recycling/Solid Waste Information Line
Recycling Connections
715-345-5972

Reduce Holiday Waste

It's essential to our planet's future!

Holiday waste reduction tips:

- No-Waste Gift-Giving
- Gift-Wrapping Ideas
- Packaging
- Greeting Cards
- The Tree
- Rechargeable Batteries



About an extra million tons of waste are generated nation-wide each week between Thanksgiving and the New Year.

Thrown out ribbon alone is long enough to tie a bow around the Earth!

No-Waste Gift-Giving

Earth friendly suggestions



- Bring your own re-usable bags when doing your Holiday shopping.
- When making a purchase, consider durability; in the long run it saves you money and reduces waste.
- Give a gift certificate.



- Remember to look for items with recycled content.
- Give nonmaterial gifts: tickets to sporting events, movies, plays, and concerts.



Gift-Wrapping Ideas

- Use luggage tags as gift tags.



- Wrap toys in a brand new pillow case.

- Hang jewelry directly on the Christmas tree or put it in a jewelry box.



- Wrap kitchen gifts in dish towels.



- Stick utensils in an oven mitt.
- Wrap garden tools in an apron.
- Save and re-use all bows.



Wrapping, Packaging and

Greeting Cards:

- Design your own wrapping paper from paper shopping bags or newsprint.
- Buy recycled-content wrapping paper and cards.
- Make last year's holiday cards into new cards and gift tags.
- Re-use gift boxes and gift bags.



The Tree:

- Purchase a live tree. Later, plant or give it to a school or nursing home for planting.
- Remove all decorations from cut trees. Check your paper for recycling instructions and/or dates for pick up and drop-off.

