

# LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENTAL RECYCLING PROGRAM Newsletter

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Roadmap to a Sustainable  
Waste Management Future

## Sustainable Holiday Season

This holiday season, practice the Four R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rethink) whether you are deciding on the perfect gifts, planning a dinner, or shopping. Here are ideas that promote sustainability and will save you money:

- Keep it simple! The fancier the gift wrapping, gift bags, or greeting card, the less recyclable.
- Wrap gifts in brown craft paper while replacing a bow with a pine cone or a sprig from your tree. Your gifts will look rustic, hand-crafted, and will be eco-friendly.
- Give a gift certificate for spa services, restaurants, or movies rather than buying things.
- When shopping online, try to shop from the same place all at once to avoid multiple deliveries and boxes.
- Homemade gifts such as ornaments, soap/candles, or photobooks are perfect ways to reuse items.

The holidays usually mean a lot of gatherings and food! This season be particularly mindful of food waste. Effective January 1, 2022, Senate Bill 1383 requires that everyone properly recycles food waste and food-soiled paper. Begin reducing food waste by purchasing less. Make a detailed shopping list and follow it. Reduce portion sizes, which not only reduces food waste but your belly will thank you as well. To find out more about food waste reduction and recycling, visit [fightfoodwastela.com](http://fightfoodwastela.com)



As the holidays wind down, we tend to replace the old with new gifts received. We also see influxes of other items such as holiday lighting and decorations. Many items such as decorations, clothes, or toys may have a second life. Donate them to friends and family or to a second-hand store. Technology moves at lightning speed and we always want the newest and best, but do not forget to properly dispose of unwanted electronics. As always, anything that still works should be donated. Items no longer working should be properly disposed at Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste events/centers. Go to [CleanLA.com](http://CleanLA.com) to find collection events in your area.

Public Works wishes you and yours a very healthy and safe holiday season!



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