



Holiday Recycling Guide

The Holiday season is upon us and with the Town’s trash limits we would like to offer some helpful hints of what to recycle this holiday season.

Recycling

Cardboard: Please recycle all of your cardboard boxes. Flatten and either fold or cut to a size not larger than 4 feet by 4 feet. You may bundle cardboard, put it in a paper bag, place it under your recycling bin, or place it standing in or between recycling bins.



Gift Boxes and Wrapping Paper: Please recycle all wrapping paper, tissue paper, and gift boxes. No need to flatten or fold, but must be contained. Treat like any other paper, put in paper bags or place in your paper bin. Tape is OK, but no ribbons please.



Holiday Cards and Calendars: Holiday cards (including envelopes and gift tags) and calendars can be recycled with your paper.



Other Non-trash items: During the holidays, we receive extra magazines & catalogs, and do a lot of extra cooking. This is a great opportunity to make sure we recycle everything possible. Please recycle all paper. In a separate container, remember to recycle all glass, plastic and metal bottles and cans. This will also help you stay within the trash limits.



Styrofoam & Electronics: The Town offers a permanent drop off container for Styrofoam and electronics. This is free to all residents and is located at our DPW Facility located at 75 Newcrossing Rd. Drop off is available Monday – Friday from 7:30-2:30, and Saturday 9-12. For more information, please go to www.readingma.gov.



The Three R’s of the Holidays

REDUCE

- ❖ Wrap with holiday fabric, gift bags, fancy boxes, maps, comics or just a bow.
- ❖ Give gift cards or event tickets
- ❖ LED lights use less electricity. Put a timer on all lights
- ❖ Shop locally. Plan your trips to avoid wasting gas.
- ❖ Email cards or pare down your mailing list.

REUSE

- ❖ Save gift bags, wrapping paper, boxes, and bows for next year.
- ❖ Use cloth bags when shopping for groceries and gifts.
- ❖ Buy rechargeable batteries.
- ❖ Donate old usable items when you receive new ones.
- ❖ Buy an artificial tree.
- ❖ Use cloth napkins, not paper.

RECYCLE

- ❖ Recycle wrapping paper.
- ❖ Recycle holiday cards and tags.
- ❖ Recycle empty food containers and other party waste.
- ❖ Buy items made with recycled content.
- ❖ Recycle your Christmas tree.
- ❖ Recycle ads and catalogs.
- ❖ Recycle cardboard boxes.

