

Holiday Recycling Guide



Christmas tree recycling: Set real trees out curbside after the holiday, remove all ornaments and tinsel. No plastic bags please. The Town picks up trees after the holidays.

Wrapping paper and cardboard tubes: Consider reusing wrapping paper and gift bags! To recycle, all types of wrapping paper (unless it's made of plastic rather than paper) and cardboard tubes may be placed in your Single Stream curbside recycling. If you do not have this service, brown wrapping paper, such as kraft paper bags, and paper tubes from wrapping paper can be recycled with cardboard boxes. Wrapping paper with colors can be recycled with office, home papers as long as they are not shiny. All types of wrapping paper and cardboard (unless it's made of plastic) may also be recycled in the Green Fiber bins at the Elm Avenue CDTA Park & Ride.



Cardboard boxes: Single or triple layer cardboard must be flattened, and either recycled curbside with your waste hauler, at the Rupert Road Transfer Station, or placed in the 2 big green cardboard bins in the center of the Elm Avenue CDTA Park & Ride.

Gift packaging: Hard plastic packaging which is clean and free of contaminants, such as the clear plastic clamshell containers, can be recycled with your Single Stream curbside recycling, or with the comingled plastic/glass/metal containers at the Rupert Road Transfer Station.



Plastic Bags and Film: Plastic shrink wrap, plastic bags, and other types of clean, dry "plastic film" can be recycled with store bags at your local grocery store, or stores like Target, CVS, Lowes or Walmart.

Polystyrene/Styrofoam packaging: Packing peanuts can be given to shipping companies like Ship, Copy and More in Delmar. Clean, white "Expanded Polystyrene" blocks or forms that are clean and contain no paint or tape, etc. can be saved until you have a quantity, then taken to Shelter Enterprises for recycling (you can identify polystyrene as expanded foam if is composed of numerous tiny foam "beads" and will separate into beads when broken apart). You need to contact Don Bertolucci first to make an appointment to drop it off: Phone: 237-4100 extension 16. Address: 8 Saratoga Street, Cohoes (at the North end of Route 787).

Old Electronics: Bring unwanted electronics to the Rupert Road Transfer Station for recycling (a small fee applies for some items), or save them to bring to the Town's free Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling event, Sat. May 7, 2011. Cell phones and rechargeable batteries can be recycled at Town Hall or the Town Highway Garage, M-F, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. except holidays.



Holiday lights: Store for next year, or recycle your holiday lights: [HolidayLEDs](#) offers customers a chance to recycle their old incandescent holiday lights and receive a 25% coupon discount on any purchase of new, energy efficient LED holiday lights off their website. The program will run through January 2011.

Green holiday gift purchases: Sustainable gift ideas include food, drink and house plants; home-made items; cleaning service, restaurants and other gift cards; and donations to non-profit organizations.

Shopping recycled: This can be done in the grocery store as well as the toy or department store. Look for recyclable packaging, items with less packaging or less non-recyclable packaging. Remember to bring your cloth bags to the store with you when shopping.