

Waste-Free Holidays

Gift Giving Ideas



These great gifts reduce waste:

- Bird house building kit
- A garden (seeds, gloves, tools, etc.)
- Family recipe book
- Cloth shopping bag
- Water-saving showerhead
- Personalized "coupons" (night off, foot massage, etc.)
- Gift certificate
- Home-cooked meal or baked goodies
- Take a friend shopping, spend the day with a family member, or give a coupon for babysitting or lawn mowing
- Volunteer your time or make a donation on behalf of a friend or family member to their favorite charitable organization
- Tune up a friend's car, fix a broken fence or dripping faucet, or sew a button on a shirt
- Bake a tasty treat, or give a certificate for a homemade meal; make a gift; or offer your time shoveling snow, giving a massage, or running errands for an elderly relative
- Give tickets to movies, arts, entertainment, or sporting events, or lessons for a talent you can share



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Gift Wrapping Ideas



Here are some great gift-wrapping ideas that will help in reducing waste.

- Put toy animals in a cowboy hat and wrap a cowboy scarf around it
- For a person who is handy, wrap a gift in a toolbox
- Wrap a kitchen gift in a colorful dish towel
- Place home-baked cookies in a reusable tin box
- Use a colorful tablecloth to wrap dishes or dining room gifts
- For a reader, wrap a book in a reusable canvas shopping sack
- Wrap tools for a gardener in the pocket of an apron, planter, or bucket
- Children's drawings - a surefire hit with grandparents
- Sunday comics, maps, posters, or old calendar pages



- Paper bags adorned with rubber stamps and stencils
- Leftover fabric, scarves, or handkerchiefs
- Receiving blankets for baby gifts
- Colorful shoelaces and hair ribbons



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