



## Did You Know?

**Americans purchase 6.5 billion greeting cards each year. Consider reusing old holiday cards or sending e-cards to reduce waste**



**If every American family wrapped three presents in re-used materials, it would save enough paper to cover 45,000 football fields**

**LED holiday lights use 90% less energy than larger, traditional holiday bulbs**



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## SUSTAINABLE HOLIDAYS

Tips For the Winter Season



### GREEN GIFTS

- Look for locally made gifts
- Choose gifts made from recycled sources
- Give "battery-free" gifts
- Re-gifting is OK

### REUSE/RECYCLE

- Reuse or recycle gift packing materials
- Choose recycled wrapping paper
- Use tape sparingly
- Trees can be recycled

**LED lights last up to 10-times longer**



**than traditional incandescent lights**

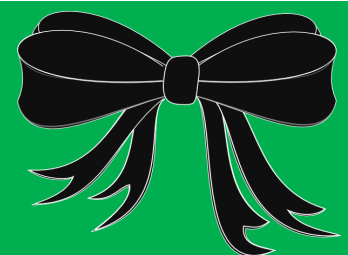
### CONNECT WITH NATURE

- Plant a tree! This can symbolize the value of nature & offset the 'taking' of a holiday tree
- A peaceful nature walk can be a valuable & memorable experience. Plan your walk before the holiday meal while everyone still has lots of energy
- Decorate a tree for the birds! This can be a great activity for kids and offers an important food source for birds during the winter



### DONATE

- Donate unwanted gifts and items replaced by new gifts instead of sending them to the landfill



Enjoy A Safe & Well Deserved Holiday Break!  
-The Office of Campus Sustainability