

The Recycler

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Waste List ❌

- ❌ We waste 25% more during the holiday season: more food, wrapping paper, packaging, shopping bags & unwanted gifts.
- ❌ That means that across the United States, 2.88 BILLION more pounds of garbage is generated PER WEEK during the holidays relative to the rest of the year.
- ❌ The increase in energy used just for holiday lights ALONE in the U.S. (6.63 billion kWh) is more than countries like Pakistan and El Salvador use in a whole YEAR.
- ❌ An estimated 50,000 trees are cut down every year to make enough wrapping paper.



🎄 Nice List 🎄 Holiday Tips:

- 🌟 Wrap gifts in cloth, reuse newspaper, or hide them to keep waste low
- 🌟 Gift experiences like  concerts or sport tickets, fun outings, or day trips
- 🌟 Save holiday leftovers and donate or compost anything else
- 🌟 LED holiday lights! They consume 80% less energy and last longer than  conventional lights

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