



RecycleSmart

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Christmas Tree Chipping *City of Traverse City Residents*

The Parks & Recreation Division offers a Christmas Tree drop-off site for City of Traverse City residents.

Trees are chipped and used for trail surfacing, mulching materials and erosion control.

Bring trees to the boat launch parking lot at Hull Park at the west end of Hannah Street, just west of Woodmere Avenue beginning Tuesday December 26, 2017 through Sunday January 21, 2018.

For more information, click [here](#).



Holiday Recycling Guide

While the list of items accepted for recycling does not change with the holiday season, there are items that are more common this time of year that can be recycled curbside or at the recycling drop-off sites sponsored by American Waste.

Be sure to recycle these items:

- Plastic bottles and containers, #1-7
- Car Seats - Strip of all fabric, rubber and metal attachments
- Boxes
- Cardboard
- Cartons - Milk, Juice, Soy, Drink boxes
- Paper - newspaper, office paper, magazines, phone books
- Glass bottles and containers - all colors
- Metal - Cans, Foil, Trays, EMPTY Aerosol Cans
- Plastic Bags & Film - Grocery bags, Bread bags, Dry Cleaning Bags, Shrink

Americans throw away

25% more trash
during the holidays



Reduce waste generated during the **holidays**

6 WAYS TO GREEN YOUR HOLIDAY



BEST: A live, potted, local tree

A potted, native tree is a good choice if you can plant and care for it after the holidays, or try has an organization like [Friends of the Urban Forest](#) that will take back your tree and plant it for you.

BETTER: A local, sustainable tree

[Local Harvest](#) features a list of beautiful live Christmas tree providers across the country. Afterwards you can turn your tree into wood chips or compost with [Earth 911](#)

OKAY: Artificial trees made in the U.S.

Fake trees are often made in China with harmful plastics that are non-recyclable. To minimize your carbon imprint, consider buying from [U.S. Christmas Tree](#)



If you're planning to drive, try renting a hybrid or carpooling. If you must fly, consider

CARBON OFFSETS



Instead of coming home with 15 shopping bags, bring your own to the store.

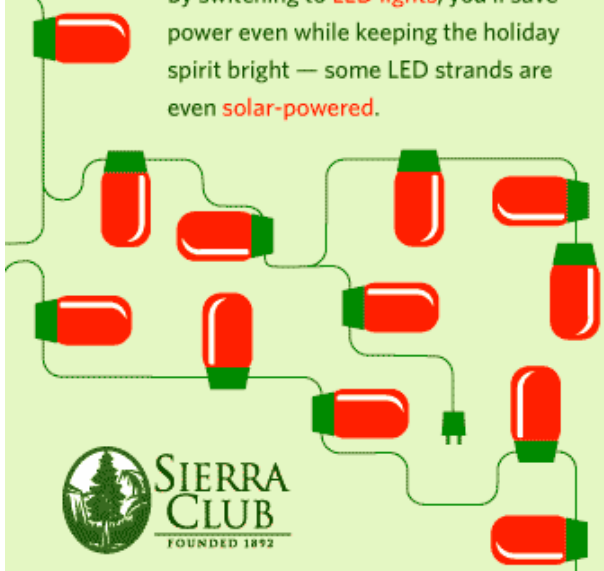


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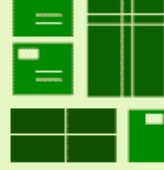
CHRISTMAS CARDS
ARE SENT IN THE U.S.
EVERY YEAR

Consider sending our [ecards](#) or buy recycled cards


By switching to **LED lights**, you'll save power even while keeping the holiday spirit bright — some LED strands are even **solar-powered**.





Refashion old greeting cards into gift tags, postcards, and tree ornaments



For parties, use metal flatware and real glasses and dishes.



Use cloth tablecloths instead of throwaways.



GOT STUFF?
Not Sure What To Do With It?

Use the RecycleSmart Take-It-Back Recycling Directory to learn where to reuse, recycle, return, compost, donate or throw away your unwanted items.

Visit the [RecycleSmart Take It Back Directory](#).



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