

Holiday Recycling Guide

Make less Holiday Waste & MORE Holiday Cheer



GIFT GIVING

Keep it simple, one thoughtful gift is better than many trinkets.

- Give home-made goodies. Share in reusable containers like baskets, tins, or jars.
- Give the gift of an experience. Music lessons, lessons for a new hobby, a massage, a trip to a state park, passes for a museum, tickets to a sporting event, or concert. This is perfect for friends who want to try something new but aren't willing to spend the money on themselves. Plus, you don't have to wrap the gift.
- Give a gift of time or talent. Take someone to a play, concert, or movie. Make gift certificates for a special dinner, pet sitting, or house cleaning. Offer your talents at gardening, photography, or financial planning. Better yet, teach someone a skill you possess such as knitting, woodworking, or playing an instrument.
- Make a charitable donation in the recipient's name or give a membership to a museum, environmental, or other non-profit organization.
- Create theme box for kids. Like a dress up box filled with pre-owned costume jewelry, scarves, hats, aprons, and ties. Or a box with cooking equipment and a recipe with ingredients for aspiring chefs. Or give a blank journal or scrapbook with scissors and tape and other art supplies for creative kids.
- Give a Green Gift such as compost bin, can crusher, battery charger, programmable thermostat, rain barrel, house plant, bird feeder, light timers, reusable bag, water bottle, gardening tools, seeds, or bat house.
- Consider a gift's durability and purchase products made with recycled materials.
- Avoid gag gifts.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
In Allegany County



57% OF AMERICANS WILL RECEIVE AN UNWANTED GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS

finder.com/unwanted-gifts



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GIFT WRAP

Wrapping paper is NOT recyclable.

- Don't wrap gifts. Hide them and give the recipient clues. Make the search a treasure hunt or play "hot & cold."
- Make the wrapping a useful part of the gift. Put cookies in a flower pot or hide jewelry in a new pair of gloves or socks, wrap an item in a scarf or bandana.
- Reuse old posters, comics, newspaper, colorful shopping bags, old maps, paper market bags to wrap gifts.



LIGHTS

Merry, bright, and saving money.

- Choose LED lights. They last up to 10 times longer and use up to 99% less energy than traditional holiday lights.
- Use a timer for energy savings and peace of mind while you're away.
- Purchase lights wired in parallel. If one bulb goes bad, the others still work, so you won't be throwing away "bad" strands.



HOLIDAY CARDS

Send personal, paperless greetings.

- Skip the paper. E-mail electronic holiday greetings.
- Save paper by creating greeting cards from scrap paper. This can be a fun family project and a way to give your cards a personal touch.
- Reuse. Save the cards that you get in the mail, cut off the front pictures, and reuse as "postcards" next year. This saves on postage too.
- Create & upcycle cards into gift tags or into ornaments.
- Choose recycled. Purchase cards made from recycled paper. Add a personal note to those cards, to make them a more personal and meaningful use of resources.
- Avoid glitter, foil, and electronic cards as they are NOT recyclable.



HOLIDAY GATHERINGS

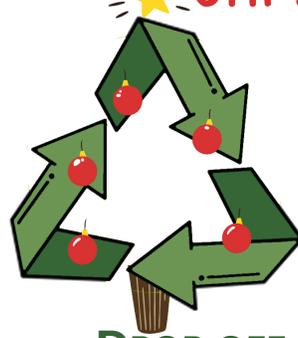
Plan ahead when entertaining.

- Eliminate using disposable plates, cups, napkins, and silverware. Borrow, rent, or thrift reusable alternatives.
- Ask guest them to bring containers to take leftovers home.
- Decorate your table by making a colorful and edible centerpiece using an assortment fruits, vegetables and nuts. Compost it after the holidays.
- Donate and share leftovers to the local food bank or soup kitchen.

Yes Virginia, you can recycle these holiday leftovers! Here's how...

Christmas Tree Recycling

December 26 - January 26
 Recycle your Christmas tree into free mulch!
 Remove all ornaments, lights and tinsel and No flocked trees.



DROP OFF LOCATIONS

For hours of operation call 301-777-5933x210 or visit alleganygov.org/recycle

- Mulch & Yard Trim Recycling Site.....PPG Road, Cumberland
- Penn-Mar Recycling Center.....975 Kelly Road, Cumberland
- Flintstone Refuse Site.....26702 National Pike
- Frostburg Lower Consol Road.....ballfield parking lot
- Lions Field LaVale.....1111 Braddock Rd
- Little Orleans Refuse Site.....11306 Orleans Rd
- Lonaconing Little League Ballfield..... Railroad St
- Mt Savage Community Park.....next to Recycling Bin
- Oldtown Refuse Site.....18622 Lower Town Creek Rd
- Westernport Town GarageChestnut St



GREETING CARDS

-  **UPCYCLE** cards to create gift tags or decorations.
-  **RECYCLE ENVELOPES** with office paper.
-  **RECYCLE CARDS** with cardboard. **NO** glitter, foil, or non-paper decorations.
-  **REUSE** Allegany County Public Schools and the Board of Education Office accepts holiday cards to be upcycled to spread holiday cheer through service projects next year. Collection is through the end of January. Contact Kara Kennel for more information at 301-759-2000.



BATTERIES

-  **CHOOSE rechargeable batteries.** Reduce the amount of potentially harmful materials thrown away and save money in the long run.
-  **RECYCLE rechargeable batteries** recycle at retailers like Staples and Lowe's.
-  **DISPOSE** of dry cell and alkaline batteries into your normal trash.



POPCORN & COOKIE TINS

-  **REUSE** to wrap gifts or share more treats.
-  **RECYCLE** with the mixed metal cans.



HOLIDAY CATALOGS

-  **RECYCLE** with magazines.



TWINKLE LIGHTS

-  **RECYCLE** Penn-Mar Recycling Mon-Fri; 8am—4pm in rear of the building where scrap metal & electronics are accepted.

Recycling Naughty List

Throw in the Trash & Make a Resolution to Reduce

-  Artificial Trees*
 -  Candle Jars
 -  Gift Bags*
 -  Glass Ornaments*
 -  Mugs & Ceramics*
 -  Ribbons & Bows
 -  Styrofoam
 -  Toys*
 -  Tinsel
 -  Wrapping Paper
- *donate item, if it is in good condition

When in doubt if something is recyclable please throw it away to avoid contaminating the whole bin of recyclables.

ELECTRONICS



PMR PENN-MAR RECYCLING
 301-724-1000
 Monitors \$10
 Towers \$5
 Microwaves \$5
 TVs 50¢/lb
 Items with freon \$10
 Customer Pays

STAPLES
 301-729-7840
No TVs & CRTs
 Limit 6 items/day
FREE

goodwill
 Cumberland
 301-759-3277
 LaVale 301-729-3924

No TVs FREE

SMITH INDUSTRIES
ALLEGANY SCRAP
 301-777-2877

301-777-2877
 40¢/lb Laptops
 10¢/lb Towers
 Pays Customer

Retailers and manufacturers, like Apple, Amazon, and Walmart, offer buy-back programs to recycle newer devices even if they are no longer working, check online for details.

TV Disposal

If it is cost prohibitive to recycle the TV, you can throw it away:
County Residents can dispose of TV's at Refuse Sites with 5 trash stickers (\$5). Limit 3-per-day. Cost for TV disposal will increase in July 2020.
City of Cumberland Residents can call 301-722-6620 to schedule a bulk pick up for large TVs for \$8.66.



Contact Allegany County Recycling for more information about reducing, reusing, how and what to recycle, and to sign up for news about recycling events.