

*Celebrate Christmas while caring for the Earth.*

# Have a Greener Christmas!



## Lighting:

Use LED lights for the Christmas tree and outdoor displays.

Use timers and turn the lights out at bedtime.

Reduce the size of lighting displays

Consider mini-lights to save energy.



## Other Ideas:

Make your own Christmas cards.

Use old cards to make gift tags.

Keep bows and ribbons for later use as well as boxes, tissue paper and gift bags.

## Gift Giving:

Give a service or experience such as babysitting, tutoring, attending a show, museum memberships or gift certificates.

Give homemade gifts from the kitchen such as pies, jams and preserved produce.

Give fair trade gifts. Buy locally.

Give a donation to a charitable organization.

Choose alternatives to commercial gift paper such as fabric, paper bags, maps and posters.

Use items from nature to decorate the wrapped present.

Avoid buying glossy foil or metallic wrapping paper.

## Decorating:

Have an old fashioned Christmas and use items from nature such as fruit, flowers, cranberries, popcorn, acorns, evergreen branches and pinecones.

Use handmade and homemade items.

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