Holiday Guide for Less Waste

Your guide to a less wasteful and more meaningful holiday season

Best

REUSE these materials year after year and save resources and money!

Fabric

Reuseable bags & Boxes
(also recyclable; remove handles and non-paper materials before recycling)

Drawstring pouches & pillowcases

Good

RECYCLE these items if they cannot be reused. Recycling saves resources too.

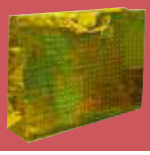
Kraft wrapping paper & brown paper bags
(plain brown paper with NO foil or glitter)

Recyclable papers for wrapping paper
(for example: newspaper, magazine pages, posters, calendar pages, maps, blueprints, sheet music, etc.)

Avoid

TRASH these items as they are NOT recyclable. Please avoid or reuse when possible.

Gift bags containing foil, Mylar, or glitter
(keep for reuse; throw away when ripped)



Ribbons, bows, and gift tissue paper

Wrapping paper
(non-kraft paper)

Mylar wrap

Recycling Tips...

Wrapping paper

Traditional wrapping paper is a very low-grade material often containing more clay and ash than paper fiber. It's considered a contaminate in the recycle bin. Instead, use the alternatives suggested above that are reuseable or recyclable.

Holiday Cards

Reuse cards as next year's gift tags or place setting cards. Recycle plain cards.

Cards that are embossed, with ribbons, glitter or photo paper are NOT recyclable.

Paper Shopping Bags & Cardboard Boxes

If not reusing, recycle by removing non paper handles and other wrapping paper or tissue paper from the bag.
Please flatten boxes.

Batteries

Alkaline batteries are TRASH only! Rechargable batteries should NEVER be placed into the trash or recycling. Instead, bring them to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility for free.

Remember... these batteries are also found in electronic devices and cards

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY
504 Fairgrounds Road | Marshall, MN 56258
Phone: (507) 532-8210

Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm;
Second Saturday of each month 9am-2pm

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2025 200th Avenue | Lynd, MN 56157
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Hours: Monday-Friday 6am-4pm;
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More Recycling Tips!

Bubble Wrap/Plastic Wrap

Recycle at participating film recycling collection sites. These items should NOT go into recycling. When in doubt, throw it out!

Electronics and Appliances (Appliances landfill only)

Recycle for a small fee at either Lyon County Landfill or the Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Marshall. These items should never go into the trash or into recycling.

#6 White Block Foam (Styrofoam)

Recycle at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Marshall only by bringing it inside or throw away. Styrofoam of any kind is not allowed in recycling curbside bins or community dropsites!

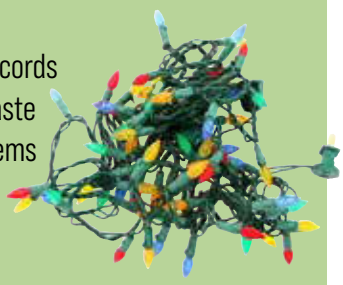
Cardboard

Recycle, flattened. Do not leave foam, plastic, or other items inside boxes.

Plastic Bags

Clean grocery bags, dry cleaner bags, zip top bags, bubble wrap and so forth, should not go into curbside or community drop site recycling. These items can go back to a participating store.

Christmas lights and other cords



Christmas lights, charging cords, and electrical cords can be recycled at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Marshall year round for free. These items should never be placed into recycling.

Christmas Trees

Artificial Christmas trees are NOT recyclable. Please donate or throw them away. Real Christmas trees should be composted. They should not go into your trash or into recycling. Remember to remove all decor, tinsel, lights, stands, wire, etc...

Self Hauling to Landfill

Residents who live in either rural areas or within city limits are allowed to self-haul trash to the landfill for a fee. If you have items that will not fit into your trash bin, the landfill is open 6 days a week for your convenience.

Canby DAC Recycle Your Lights Program

The holiday season is officially upon us. The Holiday Lights Recycling bins have reappeared for the collection of old, broken, or unused holiday lights! As decorations go up and down, instead of throwing those old lights and cords away, look for the Holiday Lights Recycling bins at the Lyon County Environmental Center, Ace Hardware, and Patzer's Hardware in Marshall, and Gislason's Ace Hardware in Minneota!

Our clients will separate the bulbs from the wires for environmentally safe recycling. So, let's all work to get the word out to friends and family, co-workers and others to recycle those lights.

This is a win-win-win program. Valuable recyclables are kept out of the landfill and the program provides meaningful employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities at the Canby DAC. The program runs until January 31, 2025, but the Canby DAC and the Lyon County Environmental Office accepts lights and cords year round.

We recycle all cords, including appliance, computer, cell phone charger, telephone, extension, etc. So, check around your homes, garages, barns, outbuildings, and businesses! Cut the cords off appliances that you are throwing away and recycle them with us!