



Upper Uwchlan Township

Holiday Recycling Guide

Holiday activities and traditions can result in a lot of waste, but they don't have to!

There are many ways to reduce waste and recycle throughout the holidays.

Here are a few ideas to help you do just that:

- **Holiday Lights:** Did you open last year's boxes of lights only to find that they no longer work? DON'T throw them in the trash! For only the cost of shipping, Christmas Light Source will deconstruct the materials, recycle them, and donate proceeds to Toys for Tots! PLUS, they'll send you a 10% discount coupon to purchase new lights. [Click here to learn more.](#)
- **Wrapping Paper:** Try wrapping your gifts in re-useable cloth gift packaging or select recycled and recyclable wrapping paper. Most wrapping paper can be recycled - unless it's metallic, has glitter, or has velvety flocking on it. Those wrappings go into the trash. Tape stuck to the paper is OK to put in the recycle bin, but gift tags are, generally, NOT OK for recycling.
- **Ribbons and Bows:** Reuse or trash - do NOT put in recycle bin!
- **Gift Bags:** Same as wrapping paper criteria. EXCEPT - take off rope, plastic or ribbon handles first. Ideally, reuse the bag if you can!
- **Greeting Cards:** Same as wrapping paper criteria. Mailing envelopes are generally OK to recycle, unless they have glitter or are foil lined. Any cards that are printed on photography paper also go in the trash.
- **Cardboard Shipping Boxes:** As always, these boxes need to be broken down and flattened. If there is heavy packaging tape holding it together, you may want to strip that off, but regular packing tape and mailing labels are OK.
- **Bubble Wrap, Plastic Shipping Material, and Plastic Shopping bags:** Recycle at a local grocery store that accepts plastic bags. Cut off any mailing labels first. Same goes for air-filled plastic packaging - just puncture first so the air is let out! Mixed mailer bags (paper and bubble combined, or foil lined) are NOT recyclable. These go in the trash.
- **Styrofoam Packaging** (peanuts, sheets, and block foam): NOT recyclable curbside, but you CAN bring these to the Lanchester Landfill for recycling. This location takes many of the hard-to-recycle items that you may be tempted to throw in the trash. Visit the [Lanchester Landfill website](#) to find out what they accept.