
CELEBRATE SUSTAINABLY

FIND OUT HOW TO CELEBRATE A
PLANET-FRIENDLY HOLIDAY

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Want to celebrate sustainably? Check out these tips!

FOOD

Buy local. It reduces energy consumption from food production and supports your local economy!



Preparation prevents waste. Get a headcount for your meal and decide who will take leftovers beforehand.

Ditch the disposables. Using real dishes instead of paper plates goes a long way!

SHOPPING



Give experiences! Skip the material gifts and opt for meaningful outings, lessons, or certificates.

Reuse wrapping paper or skip it entirely. Tons of material is thrown out every year; help put a stop to it.



Bring reusable bags with you when you shop. This one is an easy change with a big impact!

Get thrifty; buy secondhand, regift, or consider making something for your gifts this year!

DECORATING



Go natural; use branches, flowers, or pinecones to make a festive statement!

Buy secondhand or borrow from a friend. Checking Craigslist or Goodwill for items will save you money and help the environment.



Keep track of your energy use. The twinkle lights may be pretty, but your energy bill might not be.

5 GREEN LIVING

tips for the holidays



Thousands of paper and plastic shopping bags end up in landfills every year. Bring your own reusable bags, or consolidate your gift purchases into one bag rather than getting a new bag at each store.



About 40 percent of all battery sales occur during the holiday season. Consider giving rechargeable batteries and battery charger to accompany electronic gifts.



Consider non-material gifts such as a gift certificate or coupon for music lessons, pet-sitting, guided tours, or tickets to a sporting event, museum, concert or play.



Get thrifty. Shop consignment/vintage stores for one-of-a-kind, sustainable gifts.



Consider upgrading to energy saving LED holiday lights and strands that are up to 90 percent more efficient than conventional incandescent holiday bulbs.