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A Waste-Free Holiday Season

Let's close out the year by continuing to recycle right and helping create a low-waste holiday season!

Annual Treecycling Event

The City of Long Beach's annual treecycling program provides residents with convenient drop-off locations to dispose of live holiday trees, free of charge. The live trees are sent to a chipping facility and turned into landscaping mulch or a biomass conversion facility for energy generation.

Drop off your
holiday tree at one
of 12 convenient
locations citywide:
12/26/21 - 1/7/22

Curbside Pickup:
1/8/22



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Holiday Service Reminders

On Saturday, December 25, 2021 (Christmas) and Saturday, January 1, 2022 (New Year's Day):

- Refuse and recycling collection will NOT occur.
- Street sweeping and associated parking control will NOT occur.
- Parking meters will be enforced unless the meter states "Except on Holidays."

There will be no service changes on Friday, December 24, 2021 (Christmas Eve) and Friday, December 31, 2021 (New Year's Eve).

Please remember to not overload recycling and trash carts. Reduce and reuse items whenever possible!

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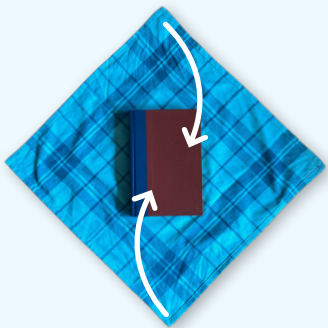
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How to: Wrap a book with reusable material



Try this sustainable wrapping method using a handkerchief, bandana, tea towel, or scarf!

Step 1: Spread out a piece of fabric rotated in a diamond shape, and place the book with the front facing up.



Step 2: Bring in the bottom and top corners to the center of the book, overlapping them. Tuck the corner of the top piece underneath for a cleaner look.



The Gift of Giving Less

Try out these creative, low-waste gift ideas to impress your friends and family this year!

Reusing wrapping materials

You can make your gifts even more unique by wrapping them in reusable or recyclable materials. Check out a step-by-step guide on how to wrap a book using fabric to the left!

Other sustainable substitutes for traditional wrapping paper include recycled newspaper, old magazines, calendars and reusable bags.

Recyclable holiday cards

This year, send out 100% post-consumer recycled holiday cards! Or even better—go paperless and send virtual holiday cards or give holiday shoutouts on social media.

Buying local

Shop at small businesses such as craft and farmers markets to find one-of-a-kind gifts and support local businesses. As an alternative option to online shopping, buying local also reduces packaging waste!

Step 3: Fold the left and right corners toward the horizontal center of the fabric.



DIY gift ideas

Craft beautiful and sustainable gifts with used glass jars in your home—just remember to clean and dry them out, first! Some creative ideas include bath salts and sugar scrubs, cookie, soup or cocoa mix, terrariums and planters, or candles and essential oil diffusers.



Volunteering and sharing experiences

Physical objects aren't the only way to spread holiday cheer. Consider volunteering with a local organization or donating to a cause that is important to a friend or family member. You can also gift experiences such as concert tickets, cooking classes, movie nights, and other events!

Step 4: Bring the left and right corners together and tie them in the center. Add dried flowers (optional) before tying the corners together one last time.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Workshops

We are excited to offer a series of **free virtual workshops** to help Long Beach residents to recycle right and reduce waste. Workshops include Reduce Waste at Home, Recycle Right LB, Do It Yourself (DIY) Green and Safe Cleaning, and Composting at Home. Visit longbeach.gov/lbrecycles to sign up.

HHW Events

Long Beach and Los Angeles County residents have access to **free disposal of hazardous waste at our local drop-off events** on the 2nd & 4th* Saturdays of each month at **EDCO Recycling and Transfer Center** (2755 California Ave. Signal Hill, CA 90755) from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. For a complete list of accepted items and COVID-19 safety measures, visit longbeach.gov/lbrecycles. *Some Saturday HHW events will be closed due to a holiday. Please check our website for updates.

WASTE REDUCTION TIP

Label your leftovers!

Masking tape and a sharpie are two food-saving tools that can help you reduce food waste. Label your food containers with the contents and date that you packed them to keep track of how many days your tasty leftovers have been in the refrigerator or freezer! Generally, cooked food will last in the refrigerator for 3-5 days and in the freezer for 1-3 months.

Eat, Drink and Reduce Waste

As you plan your holiday gatherings, check out these ideas for reducing food waste so you can save money, try new recipes, and get creative with leftovers!

Plan ahead and shop local

Before preparing your holiday feast, use these tips to reduce food waste on the table.

- To prevent excess food waste at your next gathering, estimate how many guests you'll have and plan accordingly. Try using an online meal planner.
- Encourage your guests to bring reusable containers so they can take home leftovers.
- Long Beach has several farmers markets year-round to buy fresh, local produce! Doing your shopping here will support local farmers and reduce packaging waste.

Love your leftovers

Looking for ways to use up leftover ingredients? Check out the infused olive oil recipe on the right, or save fresh herbs by putting individual portions into an ice cube tray, adding a bit of water, and freezing them for the coming months.

Before throwing out those vegetable scraps, make a delicious soup stock you can freeze and use throughout the winter. And did you know you can sauté radish greens or make pesto using carrot tops? Yum!

Make your own infused olive oil

This recipe uses up leftover herbs, reuses materials, and makes a perfect gift!



What you'll need:

- 1 clean and dry glass jar or bottle
- 1 cup of extra virgin olive oil
- 3-4 sprigs of fresh herbs, such as thyme or rosemary

In a small saucepan over low heat, bring the olive oil and herbs to a simmer for 20 minutes. Strain the herbs out of the oil and pour it into a jar, including one sprig for decoration. Enjoy within two weeks.



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RECYCLE

EMPTY • CLEAN • DRY

Do not
put items
in plastic
bags.

Plastic Bottles, Jugs and Tubs



Lids
on!

Metal Cans and Aluminum



Clean
aluminum!

Paper and Cardboard



100% paper
gift wrap!

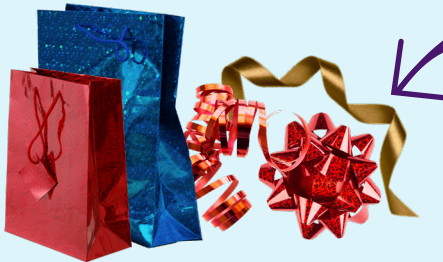
Flatten
boxes!

Glass Bottles and Jars



REUSE

Reuse these items whenever possible!



TRASH

Items that cannot be reused go in
the trash.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

String lights must be disposed of at a
HHW event.



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