



## FESTIVE SEASON WASTE AND RECYCLING TIPS

# 'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY...

...BUT WHEN THE FESTIVITIES END WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH ITEMS FROM THE CLEAN UP?

| CHRISTMAS ITEMS   | OPTIONS   | TIPS   |
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| <b>Christmas cards</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Recycling bin</li> <li>→ Drop off recycling centre</li> </ul>  | Cards can be recycled even if they have staples or different objects on them. Try e-cards as a no waste option.  |
| <b>Live Christmas trees</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Green waste bin</li> </ul>   | Buy a potted one that can used each year. Live trees can be cut into small pieces and placed into your green waste bin.  |
| <b>Christmas trees – artificial big or small.</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Give away or reuse</li> <li>→ Reuse</li> <li>→ Landfill</li> </ul>                                       | Artificial trees are generally not made from suitable recyclable materials and need to go to landfill if you can't find a new home for it.   |
| <b>Christmas lights and displays</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Give away or sell</li> <li>→ Reuse</li> <li>→ Landfill</li> </ul>  | Use solar lights where you can. Christmas lights are not suitable for recycling.   |
| <b>Christmas tinsel</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Give away or sell</li> <li>→ Reuse facility</li> <li>→ Landfill</li> </ul>                               | Tinsel can be kept and reused, but cannot be recycled.   |
| <b>Wrapping paper</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Recycling bin</li> </ul>   | You don't need to remove the sticky tape.  |
| <b>Wrapping – cellophane or foil</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Reuse</li> <li>→ Landfill</li> </ul>   | Cellophane or foil wrapping is a type of soft plastic and is not recyclable in the ACT.  |
| <b>Leftover/unwanted food</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Compost bin</li> <li>→ Worm farm</li> <li>→ Feed to chickens</li> <li>→ Landfill</li> </ul>              | Avoid this by pre-planning menu, portions and using a shopping list. Make sure you dispose of any food that has been contaminated or past it's used by date.   |
| <b>Unwanted gifts</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Charity organisations</li> <li>→ Re-gift</li> <li>→ Give away/sell online</li> <li>→ Landfill</li> </ul> | If usable, give away, sell or donate to charity. Old belongings often get replaced with new things received at Christmas.  |
| <b>Disposable cutlery</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Landfill</li> </ul>  | Instead, use the real thing. Cutlery is too small for the sorting plant to recover so needs to be placed in the landfill bin.  |
| <b>Oversized cardboard boxes/ packaging and excess recyclables – wine, beer and soft drink bottles, cans etc.</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Drop off recycling centre</li> <li>→ Recycling bin</li> </ul>  | If there is no room in your recycling bin at home visit your local drop off centre listed over the page. They operate just like your recycling bin at home. Visit a Container Deposit Scheme return point for a 10c refund on eligible drink containers. |

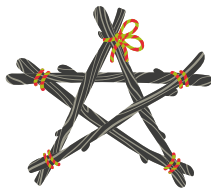
# WANT TO MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS EVEN GREENER?

CHECK OUT THESE HOT SUSTAINABILITY TIPS:



## Gift second hand items

There are many excellent second hand items available through op-shops and online.



## Buy locally made or handmade

Canberra has a number of markets that specialise in local or handmade products (including local produce).



## Avoid novelty items

Many of these items are not sustainably produced, end up in landfill and are never or rarely used.



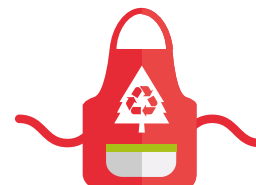
## Avoid single-use plastics

Christmas is a good time to use the 'good' plates, glasses and cutlery.



## Making a difference

Gift reusable coffee cups, metal straws, bamboo toothbrushes, bees-wax wraps – the list goes on.



## Gift experiences

There is a huge range of experiences to suit any age or budget (tours of Canberra's nature reserves, annual passes, cooking, painting, gardening and composting classes).

### TOO MUCH RECYCLING?

Visit these Recycling drop off centres.

- Jolley Street, Belconnen
- O'Brien Place, Gungahlin
- Baillieu Circuit, Mitchell
- Botany Street, Phillip
- Scollay Street, Tuggeranong

### CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEMES RETURN POINTS

More information at [actcds.com.au](http://actcds.com.au)

- Vinnies Belconnen
- Vinnies Dickson
- Vinnies Tuggeranong
- Fyshwick Bulk Depot
- Mitchell Bulk Depot
- Salvos Tuggeranong Square
- Salvos Phillip
- Salvos Mitchell
- Salvos Fyshwick

### WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRES

More information at [www.tccs.act.gov.au](http://www.tccs.act.gov.au)

- Mitchell Resource Management Centre
- Mugga Lane Resource Management Centre

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