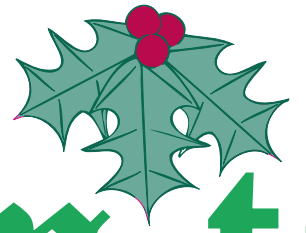


Always



Tis the Season to

Reduce ↓ Reuse 

AND
Recycle 

Reduce



- ▶ Buy Fresh, Buy Local. Handmade crafts keep more money in the local economy.
- ▶ Avoid excessively packaged items and avoid impulse purchases.
- ▶ Wrap gifts simply using reusable cloth shopping bags or newspaper comics.
- ▶ Give gifts of an experience (dining out, theater tickets) instead of material goods.
- ▶ Buy high quality, durable items that will last longer and can be repaired if needed.
- ▶ Avoid using disposable plates and plasticware.

Reuse



- ▶ Shop at Thrift and Antique Stores and donate outgrown clothing and unwanted household items through a thrift store, craigslist, or eBay.
- ▶ Borrow or rent one time use items.
- ▶ Bows, ribbons and gift bags can be used again.
- ▶ Use a sponge or rag instead of a paper towel. Sterilize sponges in the microwave.
- ▶ Re-gift. Yes, it's ok to re-gift or give a cherished childhood toy to the next generation.

Recycle

† Visit <http://www.OmahaRecycles.com> or call **402-444-5238** for details.



- ▶ Recycle all food, beverage, cleaning and personal care containers. Leave caps on.
 - ★ This includes metal cans, plastic bottles, boxes, juice boxes, paper egg cartons, plastic cups. †
 - ★ Recycle wrapping paper and cards, newspaper and advertisements.
 - ★ Here's something new...recycle that pizza box you ordered for the bowl game, provided that it's not covered with cheese and sauce.
- ▶ If your recycling bin is broken or missing, get a replacement from one of six locations. †
- ▶ Extra recyclables that don't fit in your bin? Flatten plastic bottles and boxes. Use a box for the extras. Use a drop-off site. Get an extra bin. †
- ▶ Glass bottles are recyclable at drop-off sites. †
- ▶ Buy recycled. Look for items that are made from recycled material. You're not recycling if you don't buy recycled!



*Oh Christmas Tree,
Oh Christmas Tree,
Here's Where to
Recycle Thee.*

There are 12 sites to recycle Christmas Trees in the metro area. The sites are open from December 24 to January 14, including a new site at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium.

<http://trees.wasteline.org>

No solid waste collection on Christmas Day or New Years Day. Collection will be delayed with Friday's regular collection occurring on Saturday.

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