

# Holiday

## RECYCLING GUIDE

### For the Curbside Recycle Bin

#### WRAPPING PAPER

Recycle wrapping paper in your curbside bin, or in the paperboard bin at the City's Timberline Recycling Center.

**DO NOT include metallic wrapping paper or ribbons or bows.**



#### TISSUE PAPER

Recycle tissue paper in your curbside bin, or in the paperboard bin at the City's Timberline Recycling Center. **Do NOT include glitter, metallic items, or any ribbons or bows.**



#### CARDBOARD

Recycle cardboard in your curbside bin, or at the City's Timberline Recycling Center. **Disposing of cardboard in the trash is illegal in Fort Collins.**



### Tree Recycling

Recycle trees from Dec. 26 to Jan. 16. Please remove all lights, string, wire, metal hooks, nails, ornaments, tinsel, fake snow and bags before taking trees to one of these drop-off locations.

- **Edora Park**, 1420 E. Stuart St.  
(tennis court parking lot)
- **Rolland Moore Park**, 2201 S. Shields St.  
(southeast corner of parking lot)
- **City Streets Facility**, 625 Ninth St.  
(southwest corner of Vine and Lemay)
- **Fossil Creek Park**, 5821 S. Lemay Ave.  
(enter on Lemay Ave.)
- **Wellington Recycling Drop-off**,  
Town Garage (corner of 6th and Grant)

### Recycle Elsewhere

DO NOT PUT IN CURBSIDE BIN

#### STYROFOAM & PACKING PEANUTS

Can be reused or thrown in the trash. See [fcgov.com/recyclingcenters](http://fcgov.com/recyclingcenters) for details.

#### COOKING OIL

Drop off used cooking oil in a clear, sealed container at Eco-Thrift, [eco-thrift.com](http://eco-thrift.com) for no cost. **DO NOT put fats, oils and grease down the drain.**

#### BATTERIES

Drop off batteries to the hard-to-recycle materials yard at the City's Timberline Recycling Center or at Larimer County's Household Hazardous Waste Facility.



#### PLASTIC BAGS

Recycle clean, dry, empty plastic bags at grocery stores and other stores. For complete details, see [fcgov.com/recyclingcenters](http://fcgov.com/recyclingcenters).

#### HOLIDAY LIGHTS & EXTENSION CORDS

Recycle strings of lights and extension cords at scrap metal recyclers. See City's recycling directory for details. Do NOT place in curbside recycle bin.

#### ELECTRONICS

Disposing of electronics in the trash or in your curbside recycling bin is illegal in the state of Colorado due to the toxicity of their components. See [fcgov.com/recyclingcenters](http://fcgov.com/recyclingcenters) for details.



**Timberline Recycling Center**  
1903 S. Timberline Rd.  
[fcgov.com/timberlinerecycling](http://fcgov.com/timberlinerecycling)

City of  
**Fort Collins**  
Environmental  
Services

**Larimer County Household Hazardous Waste Facility**  
5887 S. Taft Hill Rd.  
[larimer.org/solidwaste/haz.htm](http://larimer.org/solidwaste/haz.htm)

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## TIPS FOR A GREENER SEASON

### WHAT'S SOLD EACH YEAR



### HOLIDAY EXCESS

From Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, household waste increases by more than 25%.

Added food waste, shopping bags, packaging, wrapping paper, bows and ribbons—it all adds up to an additional one million tons a week in the nation's garbage piles. *Source: Reduce.org*

An estimated 2.6 billion holiday cards are sold each year in the United States, enough to fill a football field 10 stories high. *Source: CalRecycle*

The U.S. alone generates annual trash from gift-wrap and shopping bags totaling four million tons. *Source: Use Less Stuff*

Approximately 30 million live holiday trees are sold in North America every year. *Source: EPA*



### USE LEDS AND TIMERS FOR LIGHTS

Put holiday lights on timers. Leaving holiday lights on for 24 hours will quadruple energy costs and produce four times more pollution than necessary! Set a timer to turn the lights on at dusk and off when you go to bed.



### BE CREATIVE WITH GIFTS AND GIFT WRAPPING!

Wrap your gifts in style and save money and paper. Reuse fun paper such as maps, comics, posters or calendars. Or go reusable with colorful fabric scraps or a gift bag.

Consider giving gifts with a smaller eco-footprint. Look for gifts with minimal packaging, or made from recycled materials, produced locally, and being recyclable locally. Edible gifts or the gift of an experience (such as tickets to an event) are excellent choices, too.

