

Holiday

RECYCLING GUIDE

For the Curbside Recycle Bin

WRAPPING PAPER

Recycle wrapping paper in your curbside bin, or in the mixed paper bin at the City's Timberline Recycling Center. **No metallic wrapping paper or ribbons or bows.**



TISSUE PAPER

Recycle tissue paper in your curbside bin, or in the mixed paper bin at the City's Timberline Recycling Center. **No tissue with glitter or metallics.**



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 your live Christmas tree at the following drop off locations. **Fees apply, contact specific location for details.***

Be sure to remove all items from the tree before dropping off, including: lights, wire, hooks, ornaments, tinsel and fake snow.

- **Timberline Recycling Center Hard-to-Recycle Materials Yard**, 1903 S. Timberline Rd. \$5 entry fee, plus \$5 per tree.
- **Ewing Landscape Materials** 3501 E. Prospect Rd. \$5 per tree.
- **Larimer County Landfill Green Waste Program**, 5887 S. Taft Hill Rd. \$5 per tree. Dec. 26- Jan. 16.

*Free drop off program for trees will not be available this year. Previous drop off locations in city parks will not be open.

Recycle Elsewhere

DO NOT PUT IN CURBSIDE BIN

BATTERIES

Drop off batteries at the Hard-to-Recycle Materials Yard at the City's Timberline Recycling Center or at Larimer County's Household Hazardous Waste Facility. **Do not place in curbside recycle bin.**



HOLIDAY LIGHTS & EXTENSION CORDS

Recycle strings of lights and extension cords at scrap metal recyclers. See fcgov.com/a-z for details.

PLASTIC BAGS

Recycle clean, dry, empty plastic bags at grocery stores, specific retail stores, and at the City's Timberline Recycling Center. For complete details, see fcgov.com/a-z.

STYROFOAM & PACKING PEANUTS

Can be reused or thrown in the trash.



ELECTRONICS

Disposing of electronics in the trash or in your curbside recycle bin is illegal in Colorado due to the toxicity of their components. Find out where to safely dispose of household electronics at fcgov.com/a-z. Fees apply.

COOKING OIL

For a \$5 entry fee, you can drop off used cooking oil in a clear, sealed container at the City's Timberline Recycling Center Hard-to-Recycle Materials Yard. **Do not put fats, oils, and grease down the drain.** Limit 5 gallons.

Larimer County Household Hazardous Waste Facility
5887 S. Taft Hill Rd.
larimer.org/solidwaste/haz

Timberline Recycling Center
1903 S. Timberline Rd.
fcgov.com/timberlinerecycling

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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%.

Uneaten food, 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*



BE MINDFUL OF FOOD WASTE

The holiday season means even more wasted food. Save money, water, and reduce your greenhouse gas emissions by wasting less. Practice smart shopping by planning your meals ahead of time, buying only what you need and eating what you buy. Send leftovers home with dinner guests, get creative with recipes that use leftovers, and compost your food scraps. Learn more food-saving tips at [fcgov.com/saveyourfood](https://www.fcgov.com/saveyourfood).



USE LEDS AND TIMERS FOR LIGHTS

Use LED lights and put lights on timers to turn on at dusk and off at bedtime. Leaving holiday lights on for 24 hours quadruples energy costs and produces 4x more pollution.



BE THOUGHTFUL WITH GIFT GIVING

Consider repairing a well-loved item or shopping at thrift stores. Look for gifts with minimal or recyclable packaging, made from recycled materials or produced locally.



BE CREATIVE WITH GIFT WRAPPING

Add to your gift by using a reusable bag, scarf or towel for your packaging! Reuse gift bags, or wrap gifts in colorful fabric scraps, maps, comics, and posters.