

# 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, 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, 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 through Jan. 21. Please remove all lights, string, wire, metal hooks, nails, ornaments, tinsel, fake snow, and bags before dropping off at these 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.)
- **Larimer County Landfill**, 5887 S. Taft Hill Rd.
- **Wellington Recycling Drop-off**,  
Town Garage (corner of 6th and Grant)



### Recycle Elsewhere

DO NOT PUT IN CURBSIDE BIN

#### 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. **Do not place in curbside recycle bin.**



#### HOLIDAY LIGHTS & EXTENSION CORDS

Recycle strings of lights and extension cords at scrap metal recyclers. See City's recycling directory 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](http://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](http://fcgov.com/a-z).



#### 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.**

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



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



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## TIPS FOR A GREENER SEASON

### WHAT'S SOLD EACH YEAR



Live Holiday Trees



Gift Wrap & Bags



Holiday Cards



### 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](http://fcgov.com/saveyourfood).

### 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*



### 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 THOUGHTFUL WITH GIFT GIVING

Give gifts with a smaller eco-footprint, with minimal packaging, made from recycled materials or produced locally. Give the gift of recycling with a \$5 entry certificate to the Hard-to-Recycle Materials Yard at the Timberline Recycling Center, [fcgov.com/trc](http://fcgov.com/trc).



### BE CREATIVE WITH 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.