

# The 12 Do's of Christmas

'Tis the season to commit  to reduce, reuse and recycle

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Buy good quality **decorations that can be reused** year after year, or make your own.

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Set up a **recycling station for your workplace Christmas party** and make sure the signage is clear so that no matter how much fun everyone is having, they know where the recycling goes. Download signage from [BusinessRecycling.com.au](http://BusinessRecycling.com.au).

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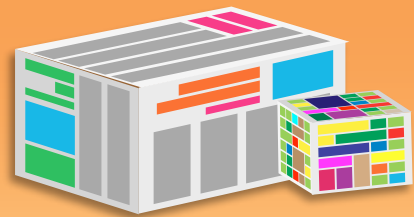
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Give **gifts with a lower environmental impact**. Experiences like movie or show tickets and practical, durable items that meet a need are great options.

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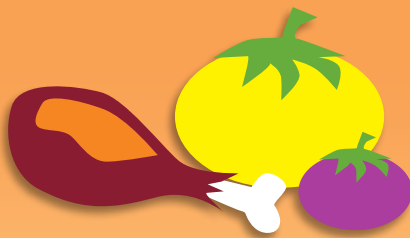
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**Use paper wrapping** and reuse or recycle it afterwards. For extra points, choose recycled content paper.

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Plan ahead to **prevent food wastage**. For tips on serving sizes, the best way to store food, and recipes that use leftovers, visit [LoveFoodHateWaste.nsw.gov.au](http://LoveFoodHateWaste.nsw.gov.au)

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**Compost or worm farm** your unavoidable food scraps. Fruits and vegetables and their peels, pits and seeds are all perfect for composting.

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Most of your **drink packaging is recyclable**, including aluminium cans, juice cartons, and glass and plastic bottles. Check with Council or [RecyclingNearYou.com.au](http://RecyclingNearYou.com.au) to find what's collected in your area.

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**Flatten aluminium cans, milk and juice cartons, and cardboard boxes** to save space in your recycling bin. If your bin is too full, store the excess until your next collection or drop it at a recycling facility.

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If you give or receive a **mobile phone**, make sure you recycle the old one through MobileMuster. Visit [RecyclingNearYou.com.au](http://RecyclingNearYou.com.au) to find out what to do with other unwanted electronics like old printers and cartridges.

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If you're giving a battery-operated gift, **include a battery recharger and rechargeable batteries too** - it'll save the recipient money! For information on battery recycling, visit [RecyclingNearYou.com.au](http://RecyclingNearYou.com.au).

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Reduce the impact of your holiday travelling and fuel costs by making sure your **tyres are inflated to the correct pressure and your engine is tuned**. Remember to recycle old car oil, tyres and batteries - to find out where, visit [RecyclingNearYou.com.au](http://RecyclingNearYou.com.au).

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One of the benefits of **live trees** is they can be composted or chipped back into useful garden materials. Contact Council for advise on what to do with your tree.

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Do even more for the environment this festive season by sharing this factsheet with others and visiting [12dos.planetark.org](http://12dos.planetark.org) to download social media graphics and other resources.