

Holiday Recycling Tips

REDUCE

- Reduce the number of bags thrown out by bringing reusable cloth bags for holiday gift shopping.
- Be sure to turn off your holiday lights when you're going to bed and during the day to save energy and money.
- Buy rechargeable batteries to accompany your electronic gifts, and consider giving a battery charger as well.



REUSE

- Save or recycle used wrapping and/or newspaper.
- Donate old Christmas gifts to non-profit organizations.
- Use your Christmas tree as wood chips or mulch.

RECYCLE

- When buying gifts, check product labels to determine an item's recyclability and whether it is made from recycled materials. Buying recycled encourages manufacturers to make more recycled-content products available.
- Strip the needles from your Christmas tree branches, and use them as natural pine scented pot potpourri.
- Recycle Christmas tree needles. They can be used to restore balance in a compost heap.

Reference: www.EPA.gov

For questions about the Virginia Beach Recycling Initiative, please contact Public Works Waste Management at wastemgt@vbgov.com or 385-4650.