



ZERObyFIFTY

Missoula's Pathway To Zero Waste

Eco-Holiday Guide



6 Ways to Go Green this Holiday Season



1 Regift & Repair

Instead of an unwanted item collecting dust or worse—getting thrown away—regift it to someone who will put it to good use. Considering repairing a loved ones' worn or broken items instead of replacing with new. Want to do it yourself but don't know how? **Join a virtual Fixit Clinic!** Fixit Clinics pair volunteer coaches with community members to teach them the skills needed to fix their treasured goods. Register for a virtual clinic at <http://bit.ly/fixitcheckin>



2 Recharge it

Every year over 15 billion batteries are produced worldwide, and many are alkaline batteries that are thrown out after just one use. Replace your alkaline batteries with rechargeable ones. Newer models can charge in as little as 15 minutes! Save money and help the environment at the same time.



3 Make (socially-distanced) Gatherings Zero Waste

Instead of disposable tableware, serve food on real, reusable dishware. The Jeannette Rankin Peace Center offers a 'dish pantry' or lending library for forks and spoons, bowls, plates, and cups. If you must use disposable dishware, look for compostable or recyclable party kits. Consider donating leftover food to the Food Bank or composting it.



4 Use LED Holiday Lights

LED lights last up to 10 times longer, use 80% less energy than traditional incandescent holiday lights and are ENERGY STAR qualified. They are also more durable and shock resistant because they do not have moving parts, filaments or glass. Don't forget to recycle your old lights! (See reverse-side.)



5 Wrap & Pack with Reuse

The high clay and low-paper content of wrapping paper makes it difficult to recycle. Instead, get creative and choose reused/ reusable alternatives like comics, posters, maps, blueprints, or calendars (all recyclable), fabric, reusable paper or cloth gift bags, bandanas, etc. For shipping, replace foam or bubble wrap with plastic bags or glossy ads (the ink doesn't smear like newspaper).



6 Learn More

As a one-stop-shop for all things "Zero Waste" in Missoula, this website provides an overview of ZERO by FIFTY: Missoula's pathway to Zero Waste, practical tips on how to reduce, reuse, repair, and recycle in the area, as well as ways to get involved in Missoula's growing Zero Waste movement.

Visit zerobyfiftymissoula.com to learn more.



Happy Holidays!

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