# Eco-Holiday Guide 6 Ways to Go Green this Holiday Season



## i 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.



## B 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.)

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## **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.





## Don't forget to reuse & recycle all of these holidays leftovers



#### Plastic

Must be clean, dry, and empty. REUSE plastic bags and containers at home! RECYCLE at these locations:

- Plastic Shopping Bags
- Albertsons, Missoula Fresh Market, and most other grocery stores
- Target
- Walmart
- **Plastic Bottles & Containers**
- Republic Services Drop-off Center (#1 & #2)
- Curbside Collection Services (#1 & #2) - see collection service side bar



#### **Holiday String Lights** & Extension Cords

Please bundle cords & tie with loose end. REUSE at these locations:

- Working String Lights & Extension Cords Home ReSource
- Thrift Stores
- RECYCLE at these locations:

**Broken String Lights & Extension Cords** Axmen Recycling

- Bulbs
- Home Depot (no fluorescent)
- · Batteries Plus Bulbs (fees apply)
- P.E.T.E.S. Electric (fees apply)
- Ace Hardware
- Lowe's



Glass REUSE at these locations:

**Brown Glass Bottles** Bayern Brewing Inc.

- Back to the Mother
- RECYCLE at these locations.
- All Glass Bottles
- Recycling Works - curbside collection &
  - at collection events



#### Food Scraps & Wasted Food

Meats & Dairy OK! No fats, oils, or greases. COMPOST COLLECTION available from: Missoula Compost Collection, LLC

Recycling Works

No bones, meats, oils. fats, greases, or dairy. COMPOST COLLECTION available from: Soil Cycle

DROP-OFF at this location:

**Garden City Compost** 



#### Packing Peanuts & Bubble Wrap NOT RECYCLABLE, REUSE ONLY.

Bring to packing & shipping stores, or ask local businesses like The Clav Studio if they need them for shipping merchandise and products.



**Batteries** RECYCLE at these locations: **Rechargeable Batteries**  Batteries Plus Bulbs (fees apply) **Rechargeable Tool Batteries**  Home Depot Alkaline Batteries · Batteries Plus Bulbs (fees apply)



**Electronics & Cell Phones** REUSE at these locations:

 Thrift Stores (functional only) RECYCLE at these locations - and be sure to ask where & how the items will be recycled:

- Oreo's Refining
- **Staples**
- Target
- P.E.T.E.S Electric (fees apply)
- Best Buy (fees may apply)

## Interested in helping Missoula get to ZERO by FIFTY?

Get connected by emailing learn@homeresource.org



#### Garden City Recycling gardencityrecycling.com (406) 493-1528 **Missoula Compost Collection, LLC** missoulacompost.com (406) 370-5876

Want Recycling and **Compost Collection** Service?

**Recycling Works** 202 Brooks St Unit 3 (406) 215-4650

**Republic Services** RepublicServices.com (406) 543-3157

Soil Cycle soilcyclemissoula.com (406) 518-1253

## **Drop-off Centers**

Ace Hardware	
905 East Broadway	(406) 721-9690
2301 Brooks St	(406) 728-3030
Albertsons	
1003 East Broadway St	(406) 549-2351
2205 Oxford St	(406) 549-5105
2230 North Reserve St	(406) 728-1116
3800 Russell St	(406) 549-1547
Axmen Recycling	(406) 543-1905
Back to the Mother	(937) 623-9696
Batteries Plus Bulbs	(406) 203-9364
Bayern Brewing	(406) 721-1482
Best Buy	(406) 829-0409
Garden City Compost	(406) 552-6619
Home Depot	(406) 523-0901
Home ReSource	(406) 541-8300
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- - Playfair Park, Bancroft St & Pattee Creek Dr
  - Fort Missoula, 36th Ave Parking Lot

#### **Paper and Cardboard**

REMOVE: ribbons, photos or photo paper, large staples and shiny graphics, non-paper handles (string, etc), metal grommets. REUSE holiday cards as next year's gift tags or place-setting cards.

- RECYCLE at these locations: **Republic Services Drop-off Center**
- Pacific Steel & Recycling



### Tree Recycling

Missoula Parks and Recreation coordinates a free collection service available the Monday following Christmas until mid-January. More info at (406) 721-7275 or missoulaparks.org. Please be sure to remove all tinsel, lights, strands, etc. Do not bring other material such as garlands, wreaths, or trash.

- McCormick Park, 600 Cregg Ln



City of Missoula Christmas Tree Drop-off Events:

- Garden City Compost, 1125 Clark Fork Ln

NO glitter or other non-paper items.