

## MORE TO THINK ABOUT:

Every year, there are 2.65 billion holiday cards sold in the U.S. That's enough to fill a football stadium field 10 stories high!



If every American family wrapped just 3 presents in re-used materials, it would save enough paper to cover 45,000 football fields.

*Source: Office of Recycling and Solid Waste Management, Medical University of South Carolina*

### SPRINGFIELD MRF HOLIDAY

#### RECYCLING GUIDELINES:

- PAPER SHOPPING BAGS -  
(ROPE OR PLASTIC HANDLES OK)
- GIFT TISSUE PAPER -  
(NO METALLICS OR GLITTER)
- GIFT WRAP AND GIFT BAGS -  
(NO METALLICS OR GLITTER)
- GREETING CARDS (NO FOIL OR WIRE)
- PAPERBOARD GIFT BOXES
- CORRUGATED CARDBOARD BOXES
- CATALOGS

#### DO NOT RECYCLE:

- RIBBONS, BOWS, TINSEL
- PACKING PEANUTS AND STYROFOAM BLOCKS  
(RE-USE, CALL CET)
- PLASTIC BLISTER PACKAGING FROM TOYS OR  
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# ReWrap for the Holidays



# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle ...Rejoice!



It is estimated that Americans produce an extra one million tons of waste every week between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

This means an extra 5 million tons of waste in landfills and combustion facilities.

Here are some ways to reduce your waste during the holiday season and save money while protecting the environment.



## FOR WRAPPING GIFTS TRY:

- Outdated calendar pages and pictures
- Comics and magazines
- Boxes made from old holiday cards
- Old maps, posters and childrens' art work
- Leftover wallpaper (scraps and samples)
- Fabric, towels, tableclothes and pillow cases
- Boxes - wrap the tops for easy reuse
- Baskets, cups and mugs
- Pre-decorated bags and boxes that can be reused
- Wrapping gifts using the gift itself (a scarf as ribbon)
- Using an old necktie or scarf as a bow or ribbon
- Use the fronts of old holiday cards as name tags for this year's gifts
- If you do buy new wrapping paper, buy paper with recycled content



## HOLIDAY CARDS CAN BE MADE FROM:

- Used cards cut to postcards
- Calendar pictures
- Decorated scrap cardboard
- Homemade recycled paper
- If you do buy new cards, buy cards with recycled content



## ALTERNATIVE GIFT IDEAS:

- Make a contribution in the name of a family member or a friend to a charity, or open a savings account or buy a bond for a child
- Give something of your own that you no longer need or want
- Check out thrift stores, used book stores and used music stores for gifts
- Movie, theatre or concert tickets
- If you do buy something new, buy a gift made with recycled content
- Membership in an environmental, philanthropic or relief organization
- The gift of time, gift certificate for companionship, household chores, babysitting, running errands, an outing, or a hug!

## HOLIDAY TREES

If you buy a cut tree, be sure to recycle it.

If you buy an artificial tree use it year after year.

If you buy a live tree, ask your local nursery for planting instructions for your area.

