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# PROVIDENCE HOLIDAY WASTE REDUCTION GUIDE

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## REMEMBER TO RECYCLE:

### Wrapping Paper

Remember that wrapping paper, paper gift bags, cards, envelopes, and gift-wrapping tissue paper are all accepted in the Recycle Together program. Please place them loose or in a paper bag in your recycling container. No plastic bags, please!

### Boxes & Cardboard

Please flatten your boxes and cardboard and place them loosely inside your Big Green Can for recycling.

### “Blister” Packaging

Those rigid, hard-to-open plastic containers or plastic “bubbles” that contain small consumer products can be recycled in your Big Green Can.

### Your E-waste, Mattresses & Old Recycling Totes

You can always recycle mattresses, electronic waste and old recycling totes on Thursdays 3:00pm-7:00pm and Saturdays 7:00am-1:00pm at the Department of Public Works, 700 Allens Avenue. Call 800-972-4545 for curbside pickup of bulky items, including mattresses and e-waste.

## REMEMBER TO COMPOST:

### Real Christmas Trees & Wreaths

Trees and wreaths will be composted by the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation. Residents are urged to take the following steps to ensure that trees and wreaths will be picked up:

- Place trees at the curb on your regular trash day during the weeks of January 7 or January 14.
  - All ornaments, tinsel, lights and tree stands must be removed from trees and wreaths.
  - Do not place trees in any type of bag.
- Wreaths must be unwired to be picked up. Residents can place unraveled branches in a paper lawn bag to prevent them from being left behind.

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## THREE MORE TIPS FOR SUPER RECYCLERS

### 1. Consider these ideas to reduce your waste:

- Save the fronts of holiday greeting cards for note cards, gift cards & post cards.
- Save boxes, bows, ribbons, and other packing or decorating materials for next year's gifts.
- You can bring any clear or light-colored stretchy plastic bags or film – including air-paks and bubble wrap – back to the stores where plastic shopping bags are collected. (Please do NOT place these in your curbside recycling.)
- Once you receive your grey cart for trash and start using your Big Green Can for recycling, you can use your old blue and green recycling totes to store off-season holiday decorations.

### 2. Recycle Your Old Holiday Lights

Mail in old Christmas lights for recycling, and HolidayLEDS.com will send you a coupon redeemable for 25% off their LED lights! Residents can fill out the recycling form at [www.holidayleds.com](http://www.holidayleds.com) and send lights in a cardboard box to: HolidayLEDs.com, Attn: Recycling Program, 3849 Guest Rd., Jackson, MI 49203. Coupons are emailed as soon as the shipment is confirmed. The lights are shredded, and the resulting pieces are then further sorted into PVC, glass, and copper for recycling.

### 3. Make the Trip for Styrofoam

Residents can set aside clean, dry Styrofoam packaging and make an occasional trip for recycling to KWD, Inc. at 582 Great Rd. in North Smithfield. Couple it with another trip to that neck of the woods (such as a stop at Wright's Dairy Farm just up the road!). You can get detailed directions to the KWD facility drop-off area under “Styrofoam products” in the Recyclopedia at [www.rirrc.org/AtoZ](http://www.rirrc.org/AtoZ) and watch a video about KWD's process at <http://tinyurl.com/ri-foam-recycle>.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AT 401-421-2489.