Don’t Give “Stuff”
Instead of buying new products, give meaningful gifts like experiences to museums, parks, or concerts. Or gift something edible like a dessert or a healthy snack packaged in reusable mason jars. Also consider products that will help others be less wasteful, such as stainless steel water bottles, mugs, or reusable lunch/to-go containers.

Sustainable Holiday Gift Tags & Cards
Have holiday cards lying around? Save them to repurpose them as gift tags or place settings. Consider sending out e-cards this holiday season instead of cards printed on photo paper, which cannot be recycled! Cards embossed with foil, glitter, ribbons, photos, photo paper, and other non-paper materials cannot be recycled.

Zero Waste Gift Wrapping
While Eco-Cycle will accept gift wrapping paper for a limited time, its high clay and low paper content makes it difficult to recycle. Instead, choose reused/reusable options like comics, posters, maps, or calendars (all recyclable), fabric, and reusable cloth gift bags, etc. For shipping, replace foam or bubble wrap with balled-up paper.

Stop Junk Mail
The holidays can bring catalogs and other mail asking you to buy, buy, buy. But you can stop it! As soon as you receive an unwanted publication, call the 1-800 number and ask to be removed from their list. Learn more tricks, including 6 steps to getting and staying off mailing lists, at ecocycle.org/junkmail.

Make Gatherings Zero Waste
Instead of disposable tableware, serve food on real, reusable dishware. Borrow dish sets and glassware from friends, or go thrift store shopping for a special holiday set. Decorate the table with gourds and squash, bowls full of apples, or other seasonal fruits and veggies. Prevent food waste: Ask friends to bring containers for leftovers.

Use LED Holiday Lights
Traditional incandescent holiday lights are huge energy-suckers, so much so we recommend recycling your old lights and investing in LEDs. They may cost a little more up front, but holiday LED lights consume 80% less energy and last up to 25 times longer.

Re-charge 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!

Check out our complete Holiday Guide online at ecocycle.org/holidayguide
Don’t forget to recycle all of these holidays leftovers!

**Batteries**
RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY, NOT in curbside bins
- Rechargeable Batteries:
  - Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility
  - Longmont Waste Disposal Center
- Alkaline Batteries:
  - Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility
Check listings at ecocycle.org/a-zguide

**Electronics & Appliances**
RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS:
- **ChARM** (fees apply)
- with a responsible company listed here: ecocycle.org/a-zguide/electronics
Disposing of electronics in the trash is illegal in Colorado.

**Food Scraps**
COMPOST in curbside bins and at:
- **ChARM**, Fees apply. Visit ecocycle.org/charm for details.
- Longmont Waste Disposal Center
- Nederland Transfer Station & Recycling Drop-off Center

**Cooking Oil**
RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY – NOT in curbside bins:
- **ChARM**: $3 facility fee applies
- Longmont Waste Disposal Center

**Holiday String Lights & Extension Cords**
RECYCLE AS SCRAP METAL AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY (no fee), NOT in curbside bins:
- **ChARM**
  - Nederland Transfer Station and Recycling Center
  - Longmont Waste Disposal Center
- Dec 26 - Jan 31 in specialty-marked cart during staffed hours
- **Allenspark Drop-Off Center**
  - Attached light bulbs are OK. Please bundle cords & keep with the loose end so they don’t get caught in machinery.

**Holiday Cards**
REUSE cards as next year’s gift tags or place-setting cards.
RECYCLE in curbside bins and drop-off centers. NO cards embossed with foil or other non-paper material. NO non-paper items such as ribbons, photos or photo paper.

**Dark Envelopes**
COMPOSTABLE, NOT RECYCLABLE
Dark-colored envelopes such as reds and greens are not recyclable. White-light-colored paper envelopes are OK to recycle curbside.

**Plastic Bags**
Includes grocery/checkout bags, dry-cleaner bags and Ziploc-style bags
RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY, NOT in curbside bins:
- **ChARM**: $3 facility fee applies
- Longmont Waste Disposal Center
  - Participating Grocery Stores; Find locations at ecocycle.org/a-zguide.
- Bags must be clean, dry and empty.
- NO tape. Plastic bags are NOT recyclable in curbside bins. Visit ecocycle.org/charm for details.

**Wrapping Paper**
for a limited time only in BOULDER & LONGMONT: Dec 26 – Jan 31
RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY (no fee), NOT in curbside bins:
- Boulder County Recycling Center
  - in the bin marked “Wrapping Paper”
  - **ChARM** in the bin marked “Compost”
  - Longmont Waste Disposal Center
  - in the bin marked “Wrapping Paper”
Please do not put wrapping paper in with single-stream recycling. This material will be accepted for a limited time, as it is a very low-grade material and normally considered a contaminant in the recycling bin because of its high clay and ink content and low fiber content. NO metallic wrapping paper, ribbons, bows, ornaments, tissue paper, fluorescent or dark paper, or wrapping paper covered with tape.

**Paper Shopping Bags & Cardboard Boxes**
RECYCLE curbside or drop-off centers. Large staples & shiny graphics OK. REMOVE non-paper handles (string, etc), metal grommets.

**Packing Peanuts**
REUSE ONLY, NOT RECYCLABLE
Take to packing & shipping store, find locations at ecocycle.org/a-zguide.

**Bubble Wrap**
RECYCLE AT **ChARM** ONLY, NOT in curbside bins.

**Tissue Paper**
COMPOST in curbside bins and at these locations:
- **ChARM** (fees apply)
- Longmont Waste Disposal Center
NO glitter or other non-paper items.

**Foam Wrapping Sheets**
RECYCLE AT **ChARM** (Boulder);
- $3 facility fee applies, Place in bin marked “Plastic Bags & Bubble Wrap”
- Visit ecocycle.org/charm for details.

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**Drop-off Center Info:**

**Boulder County Recycling Center**
1901 63rd St., Boulder. Open 24 hours

**Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility (HMMF)**
1901 63rd St., enter at the Boulder County Recycling Center, follow signs
Open Wed–Sat, 8:30am–4pm

**Eco-Cycle/City of Boulder ChARM:**
Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials
6400 Arapahoe Rd., Boulder
Co-located with ReSource
Mon–Sat, 9am–5pm; Closed Sundays
Fees apply for some materials. For a full list and prices, visit www.ecocycle.org/charm

**Longmont Waste Disposal Center**
For residents only. Bring your ID and a recent utility bill to show you are a City of Longmont trash subscription customer. 140 Martin St., Longmont
Staffed hours (until April): Mon–Sat, 7:30am–4:45pm
Closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1
www.longmontcolorado.gov

**Nederland Transfer Station & Recycling Drop-off Center**
286 Ridge Road, Nederland
See website for hours: www.bouldercounty.org/environment/trash/nederland-transfer-and-recycle

**Allenspark Transfer Station & Recycling Drop-off Center**
County Rd. 84 & State Hwy. 7.
Open Sun, Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm;
Closed Tues & Thurs

**Lyons Drop-Off Recycling Center**
188 2nd Ave, on the south side of the lot
Open everyday, from dawn to dusk

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**Tree Recycling**
See listings below to learn where to recycle a tree in your community.
Be sure to remove all tinsel, lights, stands, etc. Do not leave other materials like garlands, wreaths, or trash.

**Boulder County/City of Boulder**
Yard Waste and Wood Drop-off Center: westerndisposal.com; Curbside collection also available. 303-444-2037

**Erie**
erieco.gov, 303-926-2870

**Lafayette**
cityoflafayette.com, 303-661-1306

**Louisville**
louisvilleco.gov, 303-335-4733

**Longmont**
longmontcolorado.gov, 303-651-8416 ext. 8

**Superior**
superiorcolorado.gov/community/trash-recycling, 303-499-3675

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**Got Recycling Questions?**
A-Z Recycling Guide: ecocycle.org/a-zguide
Email: recycle@ecocycle.org
Eco-Cycle Recycling Hotline: 303-444-6634