

**GREEN
YOUR**

holidays

American households generate about 1 million additional tons of trash between Thanksgiving and the New Year. Don't let the holidays be the most wasteful time of the year. Take these simple steps to reduce your waste.



Bring reusable bags for holiday shopping.



Send electronic holiday greeting cards instead of paper cards.



Don't wrap gifts. Hide them, and give the recipient clues. Make the search a treasure hunt.



Use reusable dishes, glassware, silverware and napkins for holiday entertaining rather than disposable items.



Give packing peanuts and other polystyrene packaging materials a second life by bringing them to a local mailing center.



To learn more about waste reduction this holiday season, visit:

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