



Fact: We throw away 25% more trash during the Holidays.

Some ideas to reduce Holiday Waste:

Save money by preparing only the amount of food that you will realistically consume. If there are more left overs than you will use, send some home with guests.

When shopping for gifts look for items with minimal packaging.

Donate unwanted decorations.

Recycle Right: Break boxes down, throw the Styrofoam, and plastic packaging in your trash. Place plastic bottles and jars, glass bottles and jars, tins and aluminum cans in the recycling bin first. Remember **empty** aerosol cans are recyclable. Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, office paper, phone books, and paper back books are all recyclable. Candy wrappers, cigarette packs, plastic packaging, plastic toys are NOT recyclable. If you have questions, call 641-683-0685.



After the Holidays trees can be collected curbside as yard waste in the City of Ottumwa.

Be sure to recycle all cardboard and other recyclables after all the festivities are over, and the clean up begins. Wrapping paper is NOT recyclable. Unwanted clothing and other useable items can be donated to make room for new items.