

Recycle through the Holidays

The winter holidays can be times of festive tradition, but this joy can be inadvertently accompanied by an abundance of preventable waste. This season, do your part to keep the holidays green by minimizing the waste you and your family generate, and recycling what you can.

Below is information on recycling common holiday wastes. If your town isn't listed, be sure to contact your local waste management authorities for more information on recycling and waste reduction efforts in your community.

City/Locale	Holiday lights	Batteries ¹	Wrapping paper ²	Contact Info
Cedar Falls	X	X		Cedar Falls Recycling 319-273-8629 http://bit.ly/e4yjVv
Cedar Rapids Linn County	X ³	X ³		Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Authority 319-377-5290 http://bit.ly/gsmHVA
Council Bluffs		X	X	Council Bluffs Recycling Center 712-328-4985 http://bit.ly/i3H0YN

¹ Most recycling centers differ in what kind of batteries they accept and where they can be recycled. We recommend you contact your local recycling center for more information.

² Sturdy, high-gloss wrapping paper is not recyclable. The far less sturdy, non-gloss wrapping papers, once tape is removed, are recyclable in most communities, however. Other recyclable wrapping paper includes newsprint/comics (remove the tape, please). Other choices include reusable bags—made from either paper or cloth.

³ These must be returned to the Linn County recycling center, and **cannot** be placed in your CURBY cart.

Davenport / Scott County		X		Waste Commission of Scott County (563) 386-9575 http://bit.ly/hYNnem
Dubuque	X	X		Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency 563-588-7933 www.dmaswa.org
Des Moines		X	X (not metallic, shiny paper)	Metro Waste Authority 515-244-0021 http://bit.ly/houNTm
Iowa City	X			Iowa City Recycling Jennifer Jordan, (319) 887-6160 http://bit.ly/hsMOqt
Muscatine				City Carton Muscatine (563) 263-9689 http://bit.ly/eCf31l
Ottumwa	X	X		Ottumwa Recycling (641)-683-0685 http://bit.ly/fbVZ5F
Sioux City			X	City Wide Collection 712- 279-0151 http://bit.ly/eG6cpA
Waterloo				Waterloo Waste Management Larry Smith, (319) 291-4455 http://bit.ly/gPIlVA

If your city is not listed: We suggest that you visit www.earth911.com, which will provide recycling locations and information when you enter your zip code.