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# News Release

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## **Give a Gift to the Earth- Recycle Holiday Waste**

*City reminds customers to reuse and recycle holiday wrapping, bows, and boxes*

The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities Solid Waste Services reminds residents that many of the special items used during the holidays can be recycled or reused and that there is still time for the last minute shoppers to consider waste-free holiday gift options.

“Everything from trees to boxes and wrapping paper and ribbons can be reused or recycled,” says Edison Hicks, Integrated Waste General Manager. “Even large amounts cooking oil, fats and grease can be recycled by taking them to the Sacramento Recycling and Transfer Station or North Area Recovery Station.”

The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities has partnered with local businesses and attractions to remind residents to “give smart” this holiday season. Give Smart Sacramento partners have challenged City residents to make one in every five gifts this holiday season a “waste-free” gift, such as an experience or membership to a local attraction and are offering discounts on many gift ideas.

The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities has also challenged residents to reduce their garbage by 200 tons (or 1-percent) this holiday season and increase their recycling by 325 tons (or 5-percent). Residents are reminded to recycle wrapping paper, bottles, cans, mail order catalogs, boxes, and greeting cards by placing them in blue recycle bins with commingled recycling. Christmas trees can be recycled curbside on regularly scheduled loose-in-the street green waste collection days. Ribbons, boxes, and wrapping paper can be reused.

Residents who deep-fry turkeys or who generate a large amount of fats, oils and grease can recycle that food waste by collecting it in gallon jugs and bringing it to the Sacramento Recycling and Transfer Station at 8491 Fruitridge Road or the North Area Recovery Station at 4450 Roseville Road.

For more information about the Give Smart Sacramento partnership and about holiday recycling, please visit [www.GiveSmartSacramento.org](http://www.GiveSmartSacramento.org).

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