

GO GREEN for the HOLIDAYS!!

Here are a few small ways you can make a big difference in preserving our planet as you spread your holiday cheer:

"LED" HOLIDAY LIGHTS.

Decorate your home or office with LED lights that use 90 percent less energy than conventional holiday lights, and save your family up to \$50 on your energy bills during the holiday season! LED lights are available at many retailers, including Orlowski Hardware in Mattituck, and Harts True Value in Southold. (25 to 60 ct. from \$10 to \$13.)

MAKE YOUR OWN WRAPPING PAPER. We produce an extra million tons of trash each week during the partying time from Thanksgiving to New Years Eve. Wrap presents with old maps or the comics section of a newspaper or purchase recycled wrapping paper.

BUY LOCAL. Support local family farmers who grow sustainable meat and produce. Not only does it taste better, you'll be doing your part for the planet.

LET IT COOL, LET IT COOL, LET IT COOL - Allow hot foods to cool to room temperature before placing them in the refrigerator. Hot items cause internal fridge temperature to rise. It takes extra energy for the appliance to return to its original temperature setting.



RECYCLE AN OLD CELLPHONE

Giving a new cell phone as a holiday gift? As part of your gift giving, drop off the old phone at the NFEC offices. Each year, 130 million cell phones are thrown out, weighing 65,000 tons. Recycling phones prevents hazardous elements like mercury, cadmium and lead from ending up in our landfills.

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS

TREE. You can drop off your holiday tree at the Transfer Station in Southold Town. All fees are waived, and the trees go into the wood chipper to possibly wind up back in your own flower beds!

DONATE YOUR TIME OR MONEY TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL

GROUP. Get into the holiday spirit by volunteering! There are countless ways to help improve your community. A donation in honor of a loved one can also be a special holiday gift.



Have a safe **GREEN** holiday season, from everyone at the
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