



Holiday Recycling Guide



Item	Recyclable?	Comments to Reduce Waste
Batteries	Yes - See Fitchburg Recycling Guide for locations that accept batteries, and which types, for recycling. Fees may apply for alkaline batteries.	Purchase rechargeable batteries rather than alkaline.
Cardboard	Yes - Recycle in blue cart. For excess cardboard, please take advantage of Unlimited Recycling by placing additional recyclables in a clear plastic bag (up to 32-gallon and no more than 50 pounds) and put next to the recycling cart. Can also be taken to the Recycling Drop-off Site at 2373 S. Fish Hatchery Road.	
Christmas cards & envelopes	Yes - Paper cards are recyclable in your blue cart. No - Foil cards/envelopes and photos are <u>not</u> recyclable (put in Green cart)	
Garland	No - Not recyclable. Put in green refuse cart.	Consider reusing.
Gift Boxes	Yes - Recycle in Blue cart	Reuse.
Gift Wrap	Yes - Paper gift wrap can be recycled in Blue cart. No - Foil gift wrap is <u>not</u> recyclable. Place in Green refuse cart.	Consider making your own gift wrap out of newspaper or decorated paper bags; reusing gift wrap; and using gift wrap made with recycled paper.
Gift wrap tubes	Yes - Recycle in Blue cart	
Lights (strings of decorative lights)	Yes - For a limited time this holiday season, drop off at City Hall, 5520 Lacy Road. Container will be located in main lobby entrance.	
Ornaments	No - Not recyclable. Put in Green refuse cart.	If unbroken, consider donating to Saint Vincent De Paul or Goodwill.
Gift Tissue paper	No - Not recyclable. Put in Green refuse cart.	Reuse.
Ribbons	No - Not recyclable. Put in Green refuse cart.	Reuse and/or use fabric ribbon that can be reused.
Styrofoam (PS) blocks	Yes - Recycle at the City of Fitchburg's Recycling Drop off Drop Off Site, 2373 S. Fish Hatchery Rd.	
Styrofoam (PS) packing peanuts	No - Not recyclable. Put in Green refuse cart.	
Tinsel (string or small strands)	No - Not recyclable. Put in Green refuse cart.	Consider reusing.
Trees (artificial or flocked)	No - Not recyclable. Call Pellitteri at 608-257-4285 any weekday before 4:00pm to pay for and schedule a pickup.	If tree in good condition, consider donating to Saint Vincent De Paul or Goodwill.
Trees (real)	Yes - Recycle curbside during 2 scheduled pickups in January. All decorations and other material must be removed.	Use for bird shelter during the winter, in the Spring remove the branches and set the branches and trunk curbside for brush pick-up.
Wreaths (real)	Yes - Remove the branches from framing. Take to the Fitchburg Recycling Drop-off Site at 2373 S. Fish Hatchery Rd and put boughs in the Yardwaste area and metal or steel framing in the Scrap Metal area.	Compost branches.