

# Holiday Recycling Guide

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'Tis the season... to recycle all these holiday leftovers! Here's how.



**Did you know Americans create 25% more trash during the holidays?**

**But we don't have to! This green holiday guide will help you have a meaningful recycling holiday season.**

## Cardboard box, boxboard or paper bag

You may place any cardboard or boxboard in the **DROP-SITE** or **CURBSIDE BINS** extra recycling that doesn't fit into your recycling cart can be placed at drop-sites.

**RECYCLE** your cardboard or boxboard at recycling drop-off centers. Large staples & shiny graphics OK. **REMOVE** non-paper handles (string, etc.) and metal grommets from bags.

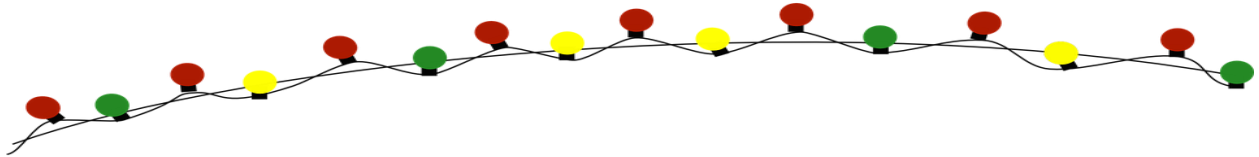
**NO** wrapping paper, ribbons, bows, ornaments, tissue paper, fluorescent or dark paper, or wrapping paper. This all must be removed from the boxes.

## Bubble Wrap or Clear Plastic bags #4 LDPE

**RECYCLE ONLY** – Includes grocery/checkout bags, Grocery and Retail Stores only. **NOT** in **DROP-SITE** or **CURBSIDE** bins.

Accepted in plastic bag bin at take-back programs at grocery stores and major retailers. **Bags must be clean, dry and empty**

**NO packing peanuts** (see Packing Peanuts listing).



## Holiday Light Cords & Extension Cords

RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY (no fee) - : **NOT in DROP-SITE or CURBSIDE bins**

**City of Fargo Household Hazardous facility at 606 431/2 St N, Fargo, ND**

**Glyndon Recycling Center**

22 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE, Glyndon, MN 56547

**Barnesville Recycling Center**

205 Front St. N, Barnesville, MN 56514

**Hawley Recycling Center**

716 Front Street, Hawley, MN 56549

**Hitterdal Recycling Center**

NP Avenue, Hitterdal, MN 56552

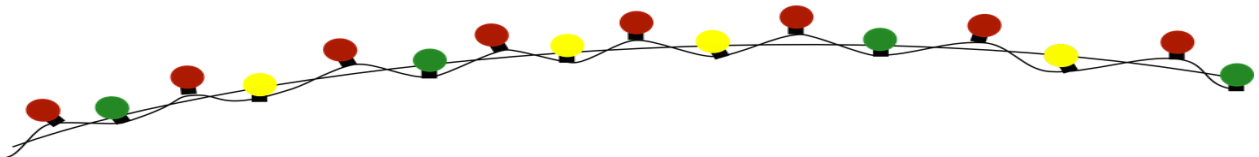
**Moorhead Ace Hardware**

20 6<sup>th</sup> St S, Moorhead, MN 56560

**Moorhead Transfer Station**

2727 US-10, Moorhead, MN 56560

Attached light bulbs are OK. Please bundle the cords and tie them with the loose end and bring them to these locations listed. **NOT in DROP-SITE or CURBSIDE bins**



## Wrapping Paper

RECYCLE in CURBSIDE bin recycling. – NOT in DROP-SITE bins:

You can recycle your wrapping paper unless it has glitter, foil, reflective areas or velvet.

This material will be accepted for a limited time, as it is a very low-grade material and normally considered a contaminant in the recycling bin because of its high clay and ink content and low fiber content.

NO metallic wrapping paper, ribbons, bows, ornaments, tissue paper, fluorescent or dark paper, or wrapping paper covered with tape.

## Packing Peanuts

REUSE ONLY – Take to packing and shipping store NOT in DROP-SITE or CURBSIDE bins

## Holiday Cards

Approximately 1.5 billion cards are sent over the holiday season in the U.S., which requires 300,000 new trees to be harvested per year. [Hallmark](#) and [Discovery Planet Green](#)

REUSE cards as next year's gift tags or place-setting cards.

RECYCLE in curbside bins and at MinnKota recycling drop-off centers. NOT in DROP-SITE

NO Dark-colored cards or envelopes cards such as reds or greens they are not recyclable. No velvet or those embossed with foil or other non-paper material. NO non-paper items such as ribbons, photos or photo paper.

NOT in DROP-SITE or CURBSIDE bins

## Tissue Paper

Tissue Paper - NOT recyclable in your CURBSIDE bin OR DROP-SITE bins

- Reuse

NO glitter or other non-paper items.

## Batteries

Nickel-cadmium (rechargeable batteries often found in cellular phones, video cameras, power packs, etc.) and lithium batteries (from cameras and phones).

RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY, **NOT** in **DROP-SITE** or **CURBSIDE** bins

The collection containers are located at:

City of Fargo Household Hazardous Waste Facility

Walmart, Fargo, ND and Dilworth, MN

Batteries Plus Bulbs located in Fargo, ND

Clay County Courthouse Solid Waste Management Office

Clay County Landfill

Clay County Household Hazardous Waste Facility

Clay County Electronics Collection, Moorhead, MN

About 40% of all battery sales in the U.S. occur during the holiday season. [EPA, Reducing Holiday Waste](#)

**Never** in the **DROP-SITE** or **CURBSIDE** bins

## Styrofoam

- NO Styrofoam, packing Styrofoam or peanuts, "Styrofoam" (polystyrene) cups, "to-go" boxes, meat trays or any other food-grade or packaging Styrofoam,



- **Styrofoam is NOT recyclable in your CURBSIDE bin OR DROP-SITE bins.**

**Do your part when in doubt THROW IT OUT!**

## **Sustainable options for Holiday Waste**

More than 3 in 4 Americans wish that holidays were less materialistic. Nearly 9 in 10 believe that holidays should be more about family and caring for others, not giving and receiving gifts. [\*\*Center for a New American Dream, Simplify the Holidays\*\*](#)

- Holiday lights in U.S. use more than 2.2 million mega-watt hours (MWh) of electricity every holiday season, enough electricity to run more than 173,000 homes for a year. *Eco-Cycle calculation based on [\*\*Energy Star study\*\*](#) and [\*\*EPA equivalency factors\*\*](#)*
- There are approximately 33 million live holiday trees sold in the U.S. every year. [\*\*EPA, Reducing Holiday Waste\*\*](#)
- Americans estimate they will spend an average of \$764 on Christmas gifts in 2011. [\*\*Gallup Poll, November 2011\*\*](#)
- 40% of Americans start their holiday shopping before Halloween. [\*\*National Retail Federation, Holiday FAQs\*\*](#)
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- In the past 50 years, humans have consumed more resources than in all previous history. [\*\*EPA, Sustainable Materials Management: The Road Ahead\*\*](#)