

Green Holiday Happenings

Garden Smart

<http://www.thinkwater.act.gov.au/tune-ups-rebates/outdoor-water-tune-up.shtml>

ACT Energy Audits

<http://www.heat.net.au/home-energy-audits.html>

Gungahlin Sustainable Living Fair

Dec 9 10am-3 @ Corner of Hibberson & Gozzard Streets

Green Christmas Contacts

Christmas Tree Recycling:

Corkhill Brothers

Mugga Lane Landfill

"Clean and green, please, no decorations."

Canberra Sand and Gravel

Parkwood 6255 1995

Potted Live Christmas Tree Pick-up & Planting

Tallulah Organic Farm

6235-9249

Water Saving Tips

<http://www.thinkwater.act.gov.au/>

Easy Compost Guide

<http://www.livingthing.net.au/rc/guides/p2005126-Compost-ENG.pdf>



"Waste not the smallest thing created, for grains of sand make mountains, and atoms, infinity."

—E. Knight

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Dream
the
SEASON
GREEN!

Are you dreaming of a 'green' Christmas? Take inspiration from our ideas for presents, parties and decorations which won't cost the earth.

Reducing Wasted Trees and Tinsel



- ♻️ Choose cards and wrapping paper which have some recycled paper content.
- ♻️ If you buy a real tree, after the holiday have it chipped into mulch (details on back)
- ♻️ Choose decorations which can be stored as keepsakes and reused
- ♻️ Popcorn and dry cranberries make pretty garland for the tree. Birds will enjoy the leftovers (taken off the string) after the holiday.
- ♻️ Make gift tags from old greeting cards and wrapping paper.
- ♻️ Save unusual papers, children's paintings and comics to wrap gifts.
- ♻️ Recycle greeting cards
- ♻️ Send e-Christmas cards.
- ♻️ Buy a tree with roots to plant in your garden, keep in a pot for next year, or have it picked up, and planted at a local organic farm (details on back)

Greening Your Gifts



- ♻️ Indulge friends with an organic hamper from the local farmer's market including locally-brewed beer or organic wine.
- ♻️ If you're talented in the kitchen, make chutneys, cakes, flavoured oils, or chocolate truffles as presents.
- ♻️ Treat people to a special experience instead of an item, such as theatre tickets, annual memberships or a weekend at a spa.
- ♻️ Find unique recycled gifts at flea markets, on-line market places, antique jewellery and vintage shops.
- ♻️ Take your green bags with you when you do your Christmas shopping.
- ♻️ Buy gifts which are durable.
- ♻️ Where possible avoid buying (or requesting) presents which rely on disposable parts, including batteries.
- ♻️ Buy Recycled! Look out for unusual gifts made from recycled materials, such as glass tableware, stationery or photo frames.
- ♻️ Select gift vouchers or give to a charity in the receiver's name
- ♻️ Buy presents that are environmentally friendly and are produced in a sustainable way.
- ♻️ Use recycled materials for packing
- ♻️ Wrap gifts with reusable materials, such as cloth bags, or pretty boxes.

A Green Feast

- ♻️ Opt for seasonal local food and drink.
- ♻️ Buy loose rather than pre-packed vegetables - it'll help cut down on waste packaging.
- ♻️ Avoid serving food and drink on disposable plates and cups
- ♻️ Start a compost bin for vegetable leftovers.
- ♻️ Plan menus for the holiday season. The average family wastes around a third of the food they buy.
- ♻️ Re-use the foil for cooking, then make sure you put it in the recycling
- ♻️ Try to buy food and drink packaged in materials that can be recycled in your area, such as paper and glass.
- ♻️ Buy drinks in large containers. Alternatively, buy drink



- concentrates that can be diluted.
- ♻️ Always use a reusable shopping bag.
- ♻️ Don't accept bags that you don't need.