

# Recycling Tips for Thanksgiving

During the holiday season, household waste increases by 25%, which can add 1 million tons of trash to our landfills.



## WHAT TO THROW AWAY

Soiled Paper Plates  
Polystyrene Cups  
Food Containers  
Pizza Boxes  
Paper Towels  
Plastic Wrap

## WHAT TO RECYCLE

Plastic Bottles  
Soda Cans  
Plastic Cups  
Clean Paper Plates  
Cardboard Boxes\*  
Wrapping Paper

## WHAT TO DONATE/REUSE

Gift Bags  
Decorations  
Packing Materials  
Clothing and Shoes

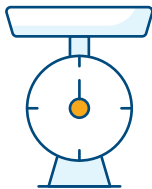
## WHAT TO COMPOST

Fruits  
Vegetables  
Bread  
Pasta  
Meats  
Chips



## Skip the Disposables

Disposable dishes and cutlery are tempting when you're feeding a large group, but consider using regular plates and cutlery and large refillable pitchers for beverages. If you do use disposables, opt for compostable or biodegradable options.



## Size Down Your Turkey and Make the Most of Leftovers

Americans will discard throw away 25% of their total Thanksgiving meal. Buy the right size turkey and just enough trimmings so you can reduce food waste.

- Send dinner guests home with leftovers.
- Invite neighbors to share leftovers the next day.
- Make soup or sandwiches with leftovers.
- Freeze what you won't eat right away.



## Don't Miss Your Pickup

There may be changes to your regular waste pickup schedule during the holiday season. Avoid odors and overflow by ensuring your containers are ready for pickup.

Check with your local service provider for any changes in holiday collection schedules.

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