

Holiday Notes from the Transfer Station

First, and foremost, here's wishing you all the best for the New Year!!!

Second, there are a few things we need to remember when it comes to holiday cleanup. I apologize for the long list, but it is important to remember that everything we discard is eventually trash. We can only recycle what our facility is equipped to process. This means that not everything that has a recycle symbol can be accepted. Please help – costs are skyrocketing and everyone's user fees are impacted.

PLEASE DO **NOT** PUT THE FOLLOWING IN THE PAPER RECYCLING CONTAINER:

- WRAPPING PAPER (unless you are using newspaper [comics make great-looking packages], plain brown or white paper)
- SPARKLY TISSUE PAPER
- GIFT BAGS and SHOPPING BAGS (again unless they are plain brown paper)
- RIBBON/ROPE/PLASTIC HANDLES
- COATED CARDBOARD OR WOODEN GIFT BOXES
- PACKAGING INSERTS THAT HAVE PLASTIC COATING
- SINGLE USE PAPER CUPS, PLATES AND USED TISSUES AND PAPER TOWELS

PLEASE DO **NOT** PUT THE FOLLOWING IN THE MIXED GLASS/METAL/PLASTIC RECYCLING CONTAINER:

- DEPOSIT BOTTLES -- seriously, take them back to the store (Our cost is DOUBLED for these)
- REUSEABLE FOOD STORAGE CONTAINERS
- PLASTIC INSERTS FROM GIFT PACKAGING (Including Hangers, Zippered Storage Bags)
- ORNAMENTS, TOYS, ANYTHING WITH TINSEL (metal or plastic)
- SINGLE-USE PLASTIC UTENSILS
- PLASTIC OR METAL STRAWS
- STYROFOAM FOOD TRAYS OR ANY STYROFOAM PACKING

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CANNOT GO IN THE COMPACTOR – SAVE THEM FOR BULKY WASTE:

ARTIFICIAL TREES

HOLIDAY STRING LIGHTS

TREE STANDS

THE TRANSFER STATION WILL BE VERY BUSY AFTER THE HOLIDAY, PLEASE BREAK DOWN BOXES AT HOME AND DO NOT BLOCK THE COMPACTOR ACCESS WITH YOUR VEHICLE IF OTHERS ARE USING THE AREA. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE TO CARRY ITEMS, I AM HAPPY TO HELP.