



Resourceful News

Resource conservation and pollution prevention tips for home and work.

WASTE FREE HOLIDAYS



The average American family buys and wraps 30 presents each holiday season, generating wrapping and packaging waste. To lighten the impact on the environment, the King County Solid Waste Division and select businesses are voicing their support of the environment by offering **discounts of up to 50% off on gift certificates, tickets and memberships** to a wide array of experiences. Save wrapping paper, time and energy by shopping for experiences on-line and give a gift to the environment at the same time! For a list of participating businesses, visit www.wastefreeholidays.com. Some ideas for environmentally friendly gifts are listed below.

- Give the gift of membership. Ideas: art museums, EMP or a gym.
- Purchase tickets to a sporting event, concert, the ballet or theater.
- Surprise someone with a gift certificate to his or her favorite restaurant.
- Give the gift of lessons. Ideas: musical instrument, dance or skiing.
- Give the gift of relaxation. Try a massage, floatation tank or day spa.
- Make a donation to a friend or relative's favorite charity.

When shopping for gifts:

- Look for items that are locally made; not overpackaged; are durable, energy efficient, wind up or use rechargeable batteries; are recycled (like antiques or used bikes) and recyclable. Consider if the gift is really needed and where it will go when it is thrown away.

For ideas on how to:

- simplify the holidays,
- deck the halls with less waste, and
- trim your holiday wasteline,
- call the Resource Venture at (206) 389-7304.

