

# HOLIDAY TIPS

## RE-THINK HOLIDAY SHOPPING:

- Bring <u>reusable bags</u> when you go holiday shopping for food or gifts.
- Carpool, walk, bike, or take alternative transportation when you do your shopping to reduce your emissions.
- Bulk your shopping errands together so you can save on emissions and time.
- If ordering gifts online, try to consolidate your orders so they can be delivered at the same time, cutting down on emissions and excess packaging.

# RE-THINK HOLIDAY CARDS:

- Send <u>e-cards</u> instead of mailing cards.
- Send cards on recycled paper.

## RE-THINK WRAPPING PAPER AND PACKAGING:

- When you wrap, consider re-using material you have around the house. Old maps, the comic strips of newspaper, and catalog magazines are all fun, crafty ways to wrap presents.
- Consider "wrapping" your presents in a reusable bag. It's like two gifts in one!
- Save and reuse wrapping paper, gift bags, and ribbons for the next Holiday Season.
- If you receive any gifts in cardboard boxes, be sure to either re-use or recycle them.
- When shipping, <u>purchase 100% recycled shipping boxes</u> and use old newspaper or magazines as fillers.



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#### RE-THINK GIVING:

- Consider making your own gifts.
- Give an eco-friendly gift.
- Give an experience (movie tickets, concert tickets, <u>National Park Passes</u> etc.).
- Donate to a charity in your recipient's name. A few of my favs include: <u>Grades of Green</u>, The <u>Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation</u>, The <u>Waterkeeper Alliance</u>; <u>LA Waterkeeper</u>, <u>Heal the Bay</u>, and the <u>Coalition for Clean Air</u>.

# RE-THINK HOLIDAY TRAVEL:

• If you plan to travel this Holiday, you can <u>offset your carbon footprint. You can read</u> <u>more about it in my Emissions-LESS post.</u>

## RE-THINK DÉCOR:

- Switch to LED or solar holiday lights this year to save over 95% of your energy use.
- Put your holiday lights on a timer so they aren't on all night.
- Rent a live Christmas Tree.
- Use eco-friendly methods to make your home smell like the Holidays.