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**MAKE YOUR  
HOLIDAYS GREEN**

At most landfills, the biggest trash week of the year is the week after Christmas. Packaging, gift wrap, holiday cards, and the leftovers from the office party help make this, not only the season to be jolly, but a most embarrassing season of trash too.

**TAKE THE WASTE  
OUT OF THE  
HOLIDAYS**

Consolidate your shopping trips. Send holiday cards printed on recycled paper. When entertaining, look for bigger bags of snacks and bigger bottles of beverages. Eliminate unwanted catalogs by requesting your name be removed from their mailing lists. Buy wrapping paper made from recycled paper or reusable gift bags.

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			1 Refuse Collection 1st & 4th Wards Recycling Collection Borough Wide	2 Refuse Collection 2nd & 3rd Wards	3 Collection of Office Paper and Cardboard	4
5	6	7 Light Committee Meeting 6:30 P.M. Council Meeting 7:30 P.M.	8 Refuse Collection 1st & 4th Wards Recycling Collection Borough Wide	9 Refuse Collection 2nd & 3rd Wards	10 White Goods Collection	11
12	13	14 Council Work Session 6:30 P.M.	15 Refuse Collection 1st & 4th Wards Recycling Collection Borough Wide	16 Refuse Collection 2nd & 3rd Wards	17 Collection of Office Paper and Cardboard	18
19	20	21 Refuse Collection 2nd & 3rd Wards	22 Refuse Collection 1st & 4th Wards Recycling Collection Borough Wide	23 Christmas Eve Observed Borough Offices Closing at Noon	24 Christmas Holiday Observed Borough Offices Closed	25 Christmas
26	27 Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 P.M.	28 Council Work Session 6:30 P.M.	29 Refuse Collection 1st & 4th Wards Recycling Collection Borough Wide	30 Refuse Collection 2nd & 3rd Wards	31 New Year's Eve	

# BUYING RECYCLED AND EARTH-FRIENDLY

You aren't really recycling unless you buy recycled.

## Could Recycling Die?

Recycling may never die, but it cannot remain healthy unless we, individually and as a society, make it a habit to "Buy Recycled." Recycling will struggle unless there are healthy markets for the materials we collect.

Many businesses and industries have found recycled materials to be affordable and of acceptable quality. Unfortunately, some companies (particularly some factions in the plastic industry) have ignored or wavered in using recycled material. As consumers, we should demand that recycled fibers and plastics be used whenever possible and practical.

## How to Buy Recycled

- Look for labels indicating post consumer recycled content. Buy those products or packages made from material that was actually saved from the landfill.
- Write or call manufacturers and tell them to package or make their products from recyclable materials.
- Encourage others you know and work with to buy recycled at both home and work.



## Buy recycled and Earth-Friendly

Buying recycled is only one part of your Earth-Friendly shopping habits. You should also try to reduce your use of toxic products that are so common in today's market place. A surprising number of household cleaners, pesticides, weed killers, paints, and automotive fluids contain harmful components. For more details on less toxic alternatives, check out our July page.

## What Things are Recycled?

Many products have a long and continuing history of recycled material use. Steel, aluminum, and other commonly used metals have been recycled for as long as they have been used. In times of scarcity, other materials, especially paper and cardboard, have been enthusiastically recovered and recycled, too.

Just as consumers pay closer attention to the amount of fat and calories in food, they should also pay attention to what products and containers are made of. Many manufacturers and retailers will respond to public demand for recycled and recyclable packaging and products.

## Products That Can Be Made From Recycled Materials

- Polyester Carpet
- Plastic Lumber
- Re-refined Motor Oil
- Ceramic Tile
- Clothing and Shoes
- Writing Paper and Envelopes
- Paper Tissues and Towels
- Steel and Aluminum Products
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Plastic Detergent/Cleaner Bottles
- Paperboard Boxes and Packaging