**Tips to Reduce your Holiday Waste this Season**

1. **Christmas Trees:**
   - **Real trees**: make sure to remove all decorations, including tinsel, before dropping off your tree at the locations listed on reimaginetrash.org.
   - **Artificial trees**: are not recyclable. Donate your artificial tree to a donation outlet instead!

2. **Holiday Lights:**
   - Holiday lights are not recyclable! Instead of throwing out old holiday lights consider dropping them off at specially marked collection bins available at Kent County DPW sites: Rockford Recycling Station, Kentwood Recycling Station, and Grand Rapids Recycling Station.
   - **TIP**: When replacing string lights, consider choosing LED lights which consume 80% less energy and last longer!

3. **Wrapping Paper:**
   - Wrapping paper and tissue paper are not recyclable because of the low quality paper and because of the variety of additives.
   - **TIP**: As an alternative to traditional wrapping consider wrapping gifts with old bags, old maps, or make the wrapping a part of the gift by using items like a scarf or dish cloth!

4. **Bubble Wrap:**
   - Any bubble wrap or foam you may receive this holiday season in your packages or presents are not recyclable! Instead of throwing it out, consider dropping off the material at one of the locations listed on reimaginetrash.org.
   - **TIP**: As an alternative, consider using shredded or balled-up paper for packing needs!

5. **Packaging:**
   - Toy packaging is not recyclable unless the items are separated. Often times toy packaging includes materials like cardboard, plastic, zip ties and strings. Once the materials have been sorted you can recycle the cardboard and plastic and discard of the zip ties and strings.

6. **Batteries:**
   - One-time use batteries are not recyclable in carts or drop off recycling stations and can be discarded normally.
   - **Rechargeable batteries** should be recycled at designated drop-off locations listed on reimaginetrash.org!

Have more questions about recycling? Visit reimaginetrash.org for more information!
What CAN be Recycled?

Many items used during the Holiday Season can be recycled instead of discarded in the trash. Check out the list below of common household items that can be recycled!

Electronics:
Don’t just throw away old electronics and appliances. Instead, visit reimaginetrash.org to find a list of drop-off sites for electronics!

Plastic Shopping Bags:
You can recycle extra bags at shopping locations or they can be recycled in curbside carts if they are placed in another bag.

TIP: Bring your own reusable bag to the grocery store as an alternative to using plastic bags. Make sure to add your reusable grocery bag to your list so you don’t forget it to use it!

Cartons:
Items like eggnog cartons, juice boxes, milk jugs, creamer, or broth containers can be rinsed, re-capped and recycled!

Glass Bottles:
Simply rinse out the bottle and place in the recycling!

Metal Cans:
Metal cans be recycled! Simply, rinse the metal can, then tuck the lid inside and then squish the can in order to keep the lid inside the can. Or, keep the lid partially attached to the can to make sure it stays with the can to be recycled!

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