

12 tips for a sustainable Festive Holiday



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Buy local gifts

As well as donating unused gifts to local charities, why not look at buying your gifts from local independent shops/sellers? Support people you know and [#ShopLocal](#)



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Use recyclable or reusable wrapping

When buying wrapping paper, check it's 100% recyclable to prevent waste. And how about using reusable gift bags too, which avoids the waste of sticky tape.



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Buying your Christmas tree

Think about purchasing a potted tree for you to keep in your garden throughout the year and reuse this each Christmas.



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Rent your clothes

Why not look at the growing trend of renting your clothes? You can now hire outfits from high street retailers [HireStreet UK Website](#) it will save you space in your wardrobe!



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Send e-cards: electronic or ethical!

Buying and sending charity cards is a great way of doing something ethical. You can also send e-cards online as an increasingly popular way to cut your carbon footprint.



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Use up left overs

Make sure your Christmas dinner is the gift that keeps on giving by using leftovers to making other tasty meals! There is a massive selection of zero-waste festive ideas [from the Soil Association](#)



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Make own decorations

Have a crafty Christmas by making your own natural Christmas wreaths through foraging or getting friends and family round to make your own decorations. Check out [Hedgerow Harvest](#) and [BBC Goodfood](#) websites for more details.



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Homemade bakes

Reducing packaging waste and food miles by making your own festive treats? From mince pies to Christmas cookies there are easy recipes to follow to involve all the family on the [BBC Good food](#) website.



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Click and collect

Why not choose a 'click and collect' location within walking distance of your home or work as this can also cut down on the number of miles driven by each van.



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Reuse parcel boxes

Still have the box your online order came in? They can be handy to store away all those Christmas decorations or even help package up those hard to wrap gifts!



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Support your local food banks Christmas party

The festive period can be an expensive time for many families therefore when you are doing your Christmas shop, why not buy a few extra items to donate to your local food bank? Many supermarkets have donation bins in store or find your local foodbank on [Trussell Trust](#) website.



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Veggie/vegan Christmas dinner

Nowadays a veggie or vegan Christmas dinner doesn't need to be a standard nut roast. There are wellingtons, pies, bakes all to try on the [BBC Good food](#) website so you so you can have a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and reduce your impact on the environment!

