

Being Green During the Holidays

As the holiday season approaches and New Year's Resolutions cross our minds, now is the time to set and stick to new ways of going green! Below you will find a few simple ways you can go green and help reduce your carbon footprint. The best part is you don't need to wait until the New Year. Start soon and form new habits today!

- **Reducing Energy** – Consider using a timer for holiday lights and using energy-saving LED lights to reduce your electricity use.



- **Refrain from Burning Wood** – Gas and electric heat sources produce less air pollution and help improve our air quality. Look into South Coast AQMD's Wood Stove & Fireplace Change-Out Incentive Program for assistance with replacing wood-burning devices.



- **Reducing Waste** – Gift wrap is typically a single-use product which ends up in landfills. Look into eco-friendly wrapping by using (or reusing) household materials such as newspaper, fabric, and tin boxes.



- **Reusable Decorations** – Millions of Christmas trees and natural wreaths are discarded after the holiday season every year. Artificial trees and wreaths cut down on deforestation and can be reused year after year.



- **Reply All with an E-Card** – Help reduce paper waste and practice social distancing by sending an electronic greeting card to your loved ones this holiday season.

