

# Cheers to **ZERO WASTE HOLIDAYS**



Did you know that nationwide between November and January we **throw away a million tons of extra garbage** each week? Consider implementing these zero-waste practices to avoid excess waste while still making holiday memories.



**Wrap with reusables!** Save durable items like bags, boxes and bows for second use. Or use reusable cloth wrappings inspired by the Japanese Furoshiki tradition. Make it a family game to find the most creative zero-waste wrapping!



**Limit leftovers!** Send guests home with leftovers in reusable containers, and store leftovers for longer-lasting freshness. See more tips for reducing food waste at [BellevueWA.gov/recycle-food-waste](https://BellevueWA.gov/recycle-food-waste).



**Flatten and recycle cardboard boxes!** Save space and keep cardboard clean and dry to ensure your boxes can be made into new products.



**Remember to recycle when the holiday is over!** Most wrapping paper can be recycled in your curbside cart. Many organizations offer holiday light recycling collections, and you can compost your holiday tree and other greenery.



**Ditch disposables!** Say no to single-use plastic straws, utensils, and water bottles. A few extra dishes can save tons of plastic waste from landfill.



See your Bellevue recycling guide and [KingCounty.gov/green-holidays](https://KingCounty.gov/green-holidays) for more ways to enjoy a zero-waste winter holiday season!