

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR ... HOLIDAY SHOPPING ... GIFT GIVING ...
DECORATING ... EATING ...

THINK GREEN!

- Consider switching to LED lights – they may be a little more expensive but they use 90% less energy. Save money and energy! These lights are available in local stores.
- Get creative with your gift wrapping and decorating. Use reusable gift bags or boxes or fabric. Try yarn which can easily be reused instead of paper ribbon. Better yet, give gifts that don't need wrapping ... gift cards, subscriptions, donations to charity, tickets to a special event, gift card for services like a massage, having nails done, or babysitting. Traditional wrapping paper ends up in landfills
- If you use a live tree, consider one you can then plant in your yard or in a container. Or think about cutting your own tree at one of our local farms. Your tree will be fresher and will not have traveled a long distance to reach the tree lot. Then recycle your Christmas tree. The county collects trees separately at convenience centers and turns them into mulch. If you have an artificial tree, use it as long as you safely can. Once it's in the landfill it will be there for a long time.
- Buy locally grown food when you can – when that's not possible, get food grown as close to home as possible. It will be fresher and will have traveled a shorter distance.
- Visit the Sierra Clubs Green Holidays web site for more tips.
<http://www.sierraclub.org/holidays/>