



Northeast Indiana
Solid Waste
Management District

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Christmas Gift-Wrap and Bows are **NOT** Recyclable

Important Dates:

- District offices will be closed on January 1st and 2nd
- District Board of Directors Meeting January 13th at 6:30 pm at the Ashley office

Mission Statement

To assure uniform, efficient, cost-effective solid waste services are available to the citizens of the District.

Gift-wrap, bows and ribbons are **NOT** recyclable and should **NOT** be left at local recycling drop-off stations. Get creative with gift wrapping skills and wrap packages using alternative materials.

For gift-wrap try reusing newspapers, comics, old maps, sheet music, wallpaper or scrap fabric. Let's not forget all the wonderful gift bags! Try using a

brown grocery bag tied with reusable ribbon or raffia. Small presents look great hanging right on the tree and may be fun to find as well.

Wrapping gifts in useful items can serve a dual purpose—like dish or bath towels. The recipient will enjoy the wrap and the gift.

As the end of the year nears, use the colorful photos from your calendar as the wrap



or glued to grocery bags. The possibilities go on and on so have fun being creative this holiday season. Just remember, please, do not leave your gift-wrap or bows at the recycling drop-off stations.

Recycle your Live Christmas Tree

District compost lots will be open after the Holidays to accept LIVE Christmas Trees for recycling.

Make sure the tree does not contain tinsel, decorations, a tree stand or lights. Plastic

wrap used for transportation purposes should be removed and deposited in your trash - not left behind at the lot.

Artificial trees are not recyclable at District compost lots.



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www.niswmd.org

What does recycling paper and electronics do for our environment?

- Conserves our valuable natural resources
- Saves Energy
- Saves clean air and water
- Saves landfill space

Recycling in the Workplace Removing the Obstacles

Have you ever considered starting a recycling program at your workplace only to be faced with numerous obstacles? Do you recycle at home but not at work? Do you and your coworkers use disposable cups instead of reusable ones? Would you like your office to become environmentally friendly and possibly save money on disposal costs?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, your office may benefit from the waste minimization program offered by the District. Interested? Here's how the District can help.

Resources are available upon request and are provided as a service to governmental offices, businesses and organizations throughout DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble and Steuben Counties.

District staff will visit with you at your office, evaluate your current procedures, suggest alternative methods or materials and assist with the identification of vendors or processors to assist your office with becoming an environmentally friendly facility.

Pick up the phone and give us a call!

Did You Know?

This year, 60 million new seedlings were planted by Christmas tree farmers all over North America.

Source: National Christmas Tree Assoc.

*Merry
Christmas*