



# Public Service Announcement

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## **MAKE IT A GREEN CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR**

Create happy memories, not mounds of garbage this holiday season. The City of Port Coquitlam provides the following tips to enjoy a “green” Christmas this year.

### **Reduce**

- Buy thoughtful gifts that won't end up in the garbage. More isn't always better.
- Choose gifts with less packaging.
- Rather than buying “stuff”, give the gift of time (e.g. your services or expertise), or an experience (e.g. a dinner out or a Parks and Recreation gift card – [www.portcoquitlam.ca/giftcard](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/giftcard)).
- Give a group gift – pool resources to buy a high quality gift.
- Make a donation to charity on behalf of that person who has everything.
- Make gifts rather than buying them. For example, bake some of your famous cookies and include the recipe.

### **Re-use**

- Consider using an artificial or live tree rather than a cut tree.
- Use re-usable gift bags or newspaper instead of wrapping paper.
- Save gift wrap, tissue, ribbons and bows for re-use.

### **Recycle**

- Donate unwanted gifts and Christmas decorations to charity rather than throwing them away.
- Place all your food scraps and food-soiled papers into your green cart, and/or place all compostable items into your backyard composter.
- Place recyclable packaging and papers into your blue cart.
- Your cut tree can be cut up and placed in your green cart or recycled into re-usable mulch and chips at a local charity tree-chipping event. Visit [www.portcoquitlam.ca/green](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/green) for information about both of these options.

Visit [www.portcoquitlam.ca/green](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/green) for more information on reducing waste during the holidays and throughout the year. You can also visit [www.portcoquitlam.ca/greencart](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/greencart) for additional green cart tips and information about wintertime collection changes.

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