



# Green Gift Ideas

Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, household waste increases by twenty-five percent in the United States—that's 1,000,000 extra tons of waste each week.

This year, consider choosing holiday gifts that create less waste and are less resource-intensive to manufacture. Look through the gift categories below to see if one of them might be right for a person on your list!

## Time

- Certificates for walking a dog, shoveling snow, cooking a meal, babysitting, or yard work
- Offer to create a scrapbook for a friend or family member who has all their photos in a box.

## Experience

- Music, writing, or cooking lessons
- Memberships to museums or zoos
- Annual passes to state and national parks
- Permits for cross country skiing
- Licenses for hunting or fishing
- Tickets or gift certificates for concerts, movies, and sports events

## Food and drink

- Organic foods basket
- Co-op membership or gift certificates
- Organic coffee, tea and wine
- Organic, free-trade gourmet chocolates
- Reusable beverage containers

## Personal care items

- Hand-made soaps and lotions
- Non-petroleum-based shampoos, soaps, and lotions in refillable containers
- Gift certificates for haircuts or massages

## Nature

- Bird feeders and houses, rain barrels, or compost bins
- Indoor plants or herb garden kit
- Gift certificates for native plants and trees
- Binoculars

