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DON'T THROW THOSE OLD ELECTRONICS AWAY!

With the holiday season upon us, many are hoping to get that new flat screen TV, a Playstation 3, blu-ray player, or that new computer they've been eyeing all year. Hoping for that perfect present, what do you do with the old stuff?

A new Illinois state law will make sure you don't throw away your old electronics in your garbage can. Effective January 1, 2012 you can't dispose electronics with your residential waste or recycling bins! Bad for the environment if disposed improperly, recycling electronics needs to be handled carefully. Failure to do so could result in state fines!



Republic Services is prepared to keep customers aware of electronic waste collection and drop off locations offered by local authorities and recyclers. In addition, some retailers are conducting in-store recycling programs to make disposing of old electronic products easier. To be on the safe side, check out [epa.gov](#), [IllinoisRecycles.org](#), or [Earth911.com](#) for more information on what to do with your unwanted electronics and details about the law.

Republic Services wishes you and your families a very happy holiday. Cheers to a greener, cleaner New Year!

NAUGHTY and NICE RECYCLING LIST

Santa shouldn't be the only one checking his list twice. Republic Services has developed a 'Naughty and Nice' recycling list to help you dispose of your waste responsibly this holiday season. This handy recycling guide will ensure sure you know what to do with your decorations and gift wrap once the holiday is over.



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Sure, wrapping paper and gift bags contain paper but when added with dye, laminating materials, glitter or gold and silver coloring, unfortunately it can no longer be recycled. "Tossing the Christmas tree with all the trimmings - such as tinsel, lights, bells and ornaments - may sound like it would be ok to recycle," said Mary McCarthy of Republic Services. "But it must be stripped of all decorations before the tree can be mulched or composted."



While products like bubble wrap, ribbons, sticky gift labels, bows and ornaments can't be recycled, often times you can consider reusing them to keep them out of garbage bins. For more clever ideas on how to recycle and reuse holiday materials, visit this [Yahoo! Voices](#) site, [Socyberty](#) or Earth911's guide to [Treecycling](#).

NICE (Recyclable)

- Gift boxes
- Tissue paper
- Shoe boxes
- Christmas tree
- Holiday cards/envelops
- Gift bags (paper)

NAUGHTY (Non recyclable)

- Bubble wrap
- Wrapping paper
- Ribbon and bows
- Anything on the tree
- Sticky gift labels
- Gift bags (colored, laminated, dyed)
- Foam peanuts

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