

Trash Talk

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Holiday Recycling

During the holidays household waste increases by 25%, so put recycling in it's place and out of the landfill!

We are in the midst of the Holiday Season, identified as Thanksgiving through the New Year's holidays, which means an overall 25 % increase in household waste. Please



review Thompson's Sanitary's **Waste 101** flyer for what and how your waste can be recycled, and read over our **Green Holiday Checklist** on the back page of this newsletter for simple things you can do to reduce holiday waste. You can find both **English and Spanish versions of Waste 101** on our website thompsonsanitary.com.



- *Trees, Wreaths, Garlands, Swags, and Flowers/Poinsettias* can all go in or next to your Mixed Compostables cart. Please remember to remove all wires, bows, lights, and plastic containers before placing in cart.
- *Food Scraps* (including turkey carcasses) and soiled paper (100% paper - no wax coating- plates, napkins, paper towels) can go in the Mixed Compostables cart.
- *Wrapping Paper* and tissue paper can go in the blue commingled recycling cart. Please remove bows and ribbons and save them for next year!



In the Know

Saturday Market

Just because it's Winter doesn't mean the Saturday market isn't happening

Open Saturdays November through April, 9am-1pm in the Lincoln County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall on 3rd St. in Newport, the market boasts an incredible variety of nature's bounty as well as craft booths and a food court. Support our local vendors and make your carbon footprint smaller at the same time.

New Website

Thompson's Sanitary Service launched new website in October

Please visit our new website and bookmark thompsonsanitary.com for all things waste. Thompson's Sanitary worked with local web designer Lisa Gray to create an easy-to-navigate website featuring a blog and waste FAQ search engine. Simply enter in the search engine what you need to throw away and the answer will appear. We've entered in almost 100 different items into the search engine database based on inquiries from our customers. If you don't see an item you think others would find helpful, let us know via info@thompsonsanitary.com.



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YOUR GREEN Holiday Checklist



It's said that holiday household waste increases by 25% during the period of Thanksgiving through New Year's holidays. So channel some of that ho-ho-holiday spirit into making some (fairly) painless sustainable choices this holiday season:

- ✓ Be creative when wrapping gifts. Re-use bags or bows; wrap with newspaper, old maps, blueprints, old calendars; or decorate brown paper bags. 8,000 tons of wrapping paper are used at Christmas each year. At the very least, recycle that wrapping paper.
- ✓ Send e-cards or recycled cards. The 2.65 billion Christmas cards sold each year in the U.S. could fill a football field 10 stories high.
- ✓ Avoid the accumulation of plastic shopping bags by leaving reusable bags in your car for use on impromptu shopping trips.
- ✓ Recycle your old household batteries when you're gifted new ones. Go to thompsonsantitary.com for drop off locations. 40% of all battery sales occur during the holiday season.
- ✓ Make Gatherings Zero Waste. Instead of disposable tableware, serve food on reusable dish-ware. Borrow dish sets and utensils or go thrift store shopping for a special holiday set. Decorate the table with flowers, greenery, or seasonal fruits. Prevent food waste: ask friends to bring containers for leftovers.

