

## Recycling and Reuse Resources

### Christmas Tree Recycling

Hendricks County Solid Waste District  
Drop-Off Sites

**Open Dec 18, 2010-Jan 16, 2010**

**Brownsburg Yard Waste Site**

90 Mardale Drive

(West of SR 267 off US 136 across from Faith  
Congregational Church)

**Plainfield Yard Waste Site**

7020 South CR 875 East

**Reminder:** Undecorated trees only. No  
lights, tinsel or other décor should be left on  
trees

Other Tree Recycling Options:

**Greencycle McCarty, Danville**

Accepts Christmas Trees for free during nor-  
mal business hours

### Stop Unwanted Mail

**Step One**—When donating money, entering a contest,  
sending in a warranty card or purchasing something  
through the mail write “no mailing lists” on your check  
or money order.

**Step Two**—Call the toll-free numbers on unwanted  
catalogs and ask to be removed from their mailing lists.  
Ask to be sent fewer catalogs of the ones you do want.

**Step Three**—Go to: [www.dmachoice.org](http://www.dmachoice.org)  
They will remove your name from national mailing  
lists. Magazine subscriptions and catalogs you order  
from will not be affected. Keep a stack of catalogs you  
enjoy receiving but don't order from and call their toll-  
free numbers to stay on their mailing lists. Be sure to  
tell them not to give your name to other businesses.

You can also go to: [www.41pounds.org](http://www.41pounds.org)  
For a fee this organization will stop 80-95% of  
unwanted catalogs and junk mail.

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Get  
**MORE**  
Out of the  
Holidays!

*Simplify!*



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# MORE...

*Who doesn't want more for the holidays? But more of what?*

Have you ever found yourself in the midst of wrapping paper, boxes, bows and lots and lots of leftovers feeling a little less than satisfied? You **can** have more of the things that really matter to you and be good to the Earth at the same time by **SIMPLIFYING** this holiday season. Here's a challenge: Sit down with your family and have each person write down five of their favorite holiday memories. Maybe your favorite memories involve holiday baking, decorating the house, sledding, taking a hike, or sitting down to a movie with popcorn and hot cocoa. Or maybe your favorite memory is a cool gift that you gave to someone special. Chances are your favorite memories don't have a lot to do with getting more "stuff".

So how can you make more wonderful memories and not fill your life and the landfill with more "stuff"? Here are some easy ideas to help get you started.



*Time* In our culture, time has become a commodity we are all short on and wish we had more of. Consider focusing on the things that really matter to you this holiday season. Spend the precious time you **DO** have on activities that enrich your life and the lives of others.

- Donate your time volunteering at a local senior center, or reading to children at the library, cleaning up trails at a local park, or rocking babies at the hospital. The possibilities are endless!
- Do some Random Acts of Kindness in the name of a loved one throughout the year and present it to them at your Holiday celebration.
- Make a "time together" kit. Pick your favorite activities and turn them into a kit. For example, if you love movies, get a big popcorn bowl and fill it with favorite movie snacks, pop and tickets to the movie. Make sure you follow up and make the date to see the movie!
- Give your talents! Maybe you are really good at wood-working, writing, singing, cooking, or fixing cars. Do you know someone who would like to learn? Set aside some time to teach them your skills.

Don't let yourself get "stressed out"! Have some fun!

- Get together with family, friends, and neighbors and go caroling. A bit old fashioned, but so fun!
- An old German tradition involved going from house to house of friends and enjoying holiday treats and decorations. Try it!
- Create your very own holiday game, like the "Smith Family" Trivia game. Include lots of fun trivia about each member of your family. Each category could have questions about that certain family member. Half the fun would be creating the questions!

## Fun

Remember Scrooge? *Memories*  
Honoring holidays  
past, present and future is very important.

### ~Past~

- What were the smells, sights and sounds like of your favorite holidays? Maybe you could pick a few of them and recreate them for your loved ones.
- Have the eldest members of the family bring photo albums to your celebration and tell stories about what times were like "back then".
- **Use** heirloom ornaments and decorations instead of keeping them boxed up.

### ~Present~

- Make some new family traditions.
- Focus only on what really matters to you.

### ~Future~

- What is the legacy you are leaving for your children? What will they remember about your holiday celebrations?

*Nature* When you simplify your life and your holiday celebrations, you make a significant positive impact on your earth! You will **save space in landfills**, **save energy**, and **save natural resources**. Consider the following:

- Reuse items to wrap gifts. For example comic strips, wallpaper, chip bags turned inside-out, cloth gift bags that can be reused themselves, clothing scraps, sweater sleeves (wine bottles holder), or neckties and scarves for bows.
- Feed wildlife.
- Take a crisp winter hike.
- Have easily identifiable recycling containers at your parties.
- Recycle your Christmas Tree at any one of our District drop off sites (see the reverse side).
- Stop unwanted mailings after the Holidays (see reverse side).

