Give gifts this holiday season…not waste!

Most curbside recycling programs do not accept wrapping paper for recycling. Why? While some regular gift wrap may be recyclable, it often gets mixed up with the kind of papers that manufacturers can't use, like tissue paper, glittered or painted paper, foil paper, metallic papers, as well as all those pretty bows and ribbons. Avoid big piles of wasted paper this holiday season by using some of these ideas…

These gift wrapping ideas not only conserve paper…they can save you money, too!

Use items that can be used or reused

- Scarves, handkerchiefs or bandanas
- Fabric scraps
- Reusable decorative bags
- Hand-sewn or purchased cloth bags
- A cake pan, basket or a wooden box

Reuse paper items that you know you can recycle

- Old posters and maps
- Old sheet music
- Newspaper, like the Sunday comic pages
- Brown Kraft paper (paper bags)
- Advertisements from magazines and catalogs

Use presents to wrap a present

For example, a hat in a matching scarf, jewelry in a wooden box, cookies in a reusable tin or cookie jar, barbecue grill utensils or picnic supplies in a tablecloth, kitchen gifts in towels or all-purpose cloths

Reuse wrapping paper (once is not enough!)

- Reuse last year's holiday paper
- Save all the wrapping paper you get this year and use it next year!
- Wallpaper scraps make excellent, durable, reusable wrapping paper

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