



# 12 Ways to a Green Christmas

Christmas is a great time for celebration with family and friends, but it can be a time of excess. From shopping to gift wrapping, decorations and use of electricity there are many ways to keep the festive season fun while reducing the negative environmental impacts.

Northern Inland Regional Waste (NIRW), your regional waste group, has come up with a range of ways you can enjoy a greener Christmas, while saving you money, time and energy.

- 1 Shop locally – save on fuel and green house gas emissions



- 2 Buy sustainable gifts – solar powered goods, energy efficient light globes, water efficient hose nozzles, compost bins or worm farms



- 3 Give a growing gift - a fruit tree or a water-wise Australian native

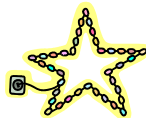


- 4 Wrap presents with recycled paper, or use a Christmas tea towel or reusable bag



- 5 Give a “doing” present – like babysitting or gardening – it will cost you only your time and is always appreciated

- 6 Turn Christmas lights off overnight –save \$\$\$ and greenhouse gases



- 7 Don't over spend on groceries – only buy what you need and freeze or re-use any leftovers



- 8 Give homemade, charity or e-cards – you will help to support a good cause, while e-cards are the truly sustainable card – no trees!

- 9 Donate pre-loved toys to your favourite charity



- 10 Make a donation to a good cause, help with a hamper, or leave a gift at a collection point



- 11 Take your reusable shopping bags or reuse old bags



- 12 Recycle your Christmas cards, envelopes, and wrapping paper



**NIRW WISHES YOU A VERY MERRY & GREEN CHRISTMAS!!!**