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Sorting holiday waste

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With Christmas in the rear view mirror, it's time to start thinking about what to do with all your seasonal waste.

Proper disposal of your garbage and recycling is important to help Edmonton divert waste from landfill and grow a little greener this holiday season. It's also critical to the smooth operation of Edmonton's waste management system. Long stringy items such as holiday lights can get tangled up in waste processing equipment resulting in plant shut downs. Instead take your broken holiday lights, electronics, hazardous waste and anything with a cord or battery, to an [Eco Station](#), where much of it can be recycled. Food scraps should go in the garbage or your home compost.

Here are some tips on how to properly dispose of your holiday waste:

- Leftover Christmas crafting supplies, old ornaments, wrapping paper, bows and ribbons, artificial trees and unwanted holiday decor can be taken to the [Reuse Centre](#).
- The following items shouldn't go in your blue bag or blue bin:
- Food
- Styrofoam
- Hazardous waste (batteries, paint, etc.)
- Christmas trees
- Small appliances
- Scrap metal
- Foil wrapping paper
- Edmonton's 20 [recycling depots](#) are a convenient way of disposing recyclables in your home. They will accept: wrapping paper, boxes, cardboard, plastic bags, all recyclable containers, cans and bottles.

To make sorting your holiday waste even easier, check out the City's free waste sorting app, WasteWise, in [iTunes](#) or [Google Play](#) or visit edmonton.ca/wastelessholidays.

For more information:

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