

Is That Holiday Packaging Recyclable?

After all of the festivities and gift opening are done, a huge pile of used wrapping paper, ribbons, bows, boxes and other packaging is left behind. What to do with it all? Is it recyclable?

Here are a few guidelines to help:

Recyclable:

Non-metallic wrapping paper

All boxes and tissue paper

Plastics: #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7 (Not #6)

All Aluminum--including rinsed off foil/foil pans used for cooking

Metal cookie tins

Glass bottles/containers

Check your town's website for Christmas tree recycling (all decorative items removed from trees)

NOT Recyclable:

Bows, ribbons, strings, glitter

Shrink wrap/plastic wrap

Waxed paper

Plastic bubble packaging

Tinsel, garland

Styrofoam

Christmas lights

If every American family wrapped just 3 presents with reused materials, it would save enough paper to cover 45,000 football fields.

Happy Holidays from the Ecology Club!!