

# Tis the Season to be Green!

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# Trees

## PURCHASE:

- LIVE TREES VS ARTIFICIAL
- LOCALLY SOURCED
- [CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS | MASS.GOV](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/christmas-tree-farms)

## DISPOSAL:

- WM CURBSIDE PICK UP WEEK OF DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>. MOST LOADS GO TO THE COMPOST AREA AT SAUGUS BUT AN OCCASIONAL LOAD MAY BE BROUGHT TO LANDSCAPE EXPRESS IN WOBURN

-NOT A GREEN OPTION, BUT THE BON FIRE AT DEAD HORSE BEACH IS JANUARY 6.

## CHRISTMAS TREE SUSTAINABILITY



Live, plantable tree



Locally grown cut tree



Regionally grown cut tree



Long-term artificial tree  
(20+ holidays)



Typical-use artificial tree  
(>20 holidays)



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# Proper disposal of string lights

## 1) REPAIR

## 2) REUSE

-Donate to Goodwill, Salvation Army, LifeBridge, etc.

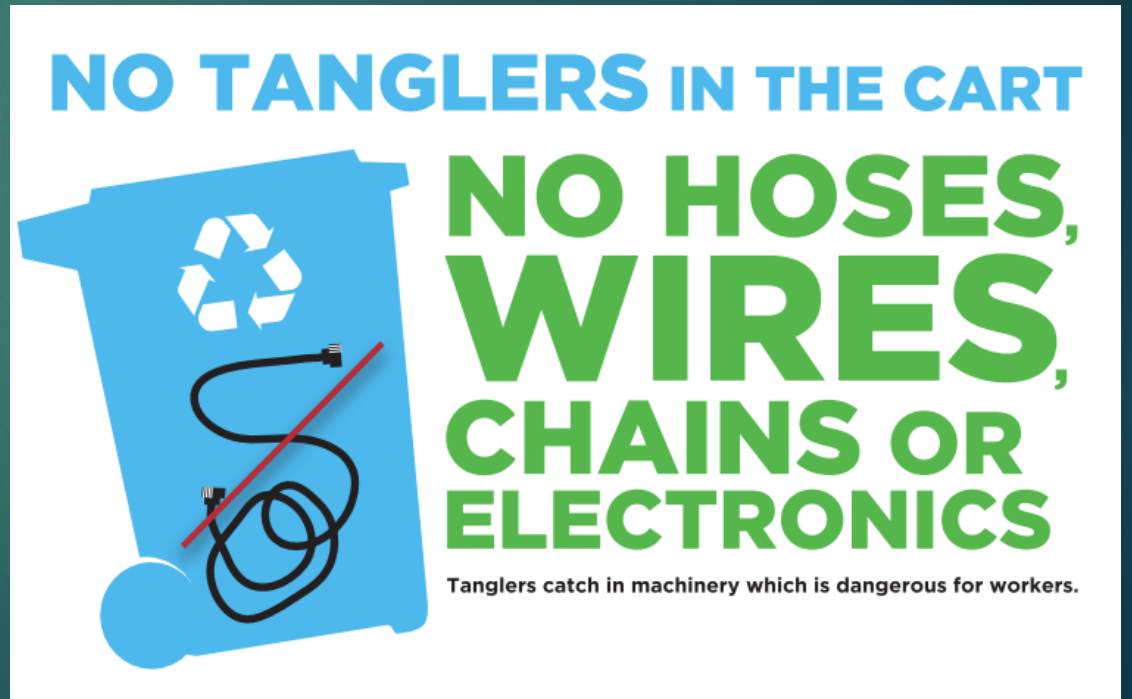
## 2) RECYCLE

-Unpacked Living – Beverly, MA

-Home Depot

-Lowe's

-Ace hardware





# Holiday Packaging & Waste



Bubble wrap,  
packing  
peanuts,  
Styrofoam  
are  
**NOT RECYCLABLE** in  
municipal recycling.



Purchase  
wrapping paper  
made with  
recycled  
materials.



Decorating  
the tree?  
Broken  
ornaments are  
**TRASH.**



# Reduce Wrapping Waste

- Reuse old wrapping paper
  - Use newspaper, old maps, brown paper bags, old calendars, pages from magazines, scarves, textile scraps, etc. If you're looking for some sparkle, wash empty potato chip bags and wrap the gifts shiny/silver side up!
- Craft: If you repurpose brown paper bags and want to go the extra mile, add some holiday cheer by decorating (use cookie cutters as stamps!)
- If you buy wrapping paper, choose Recycled and recycling papers.
  - Minimize the number of gifts = minimize wrappings and waste!
- BONUS TIP:** I haven't made the switch (yet), but there's even plastic free tape!





# Reduce Gift Waste

- Offer something beneficial that is needed (better to ask than offer a useless gift)
- Buy an experience
- Buy second-hand, homemade, local
- Buy ethical, eco friendly
- Avoid plastic toys and packaging

**Buy less, choose well,  
make it last**

-Vivienne Westwood

# Styrofoam Recycling Event

Pending: Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup>  
10 AM – 1 PM  
Beverly High School

**save THAT Stuff** INC

One goal. Zero waste.

#### EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE



We can process all rigid white styrofoam (expanded polystyrene). We have a two "densifiers" at our facility to compress and extrude styrofoam prior to final processing.