

RECYCLING 2012

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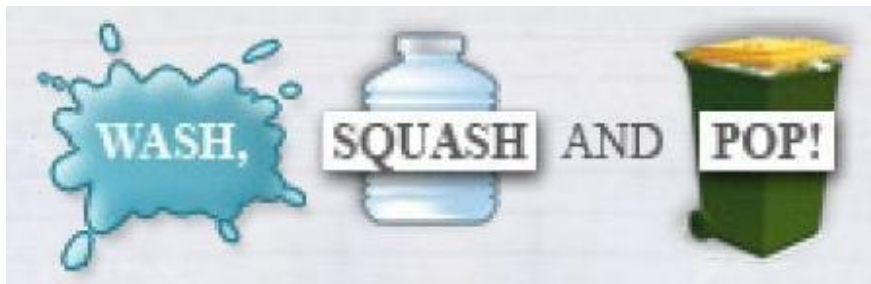
Recycling isn't just for Christmas, if you don't already take recycling seriously then make this the New Year Resolution that you won't break, it is something that everyone in the family can assist with. Look beyond the kitchen lots of plastic packaging used in toiletries can now be recycled

Recycling Hints and Tips 2012

Make recycling your gift to the environment and commit to recycling all year round!

After Christmas you can recycle your used packaging, used electrical items and batteries

Keep all recyclables clean. Remember to WASH and SQUASH before POPPING them into your recycle bin



Remember to put the following Christmas packaging in your recycle bin or take to your local Recycling Centre once they are clean and dry: - cardboard and paper; food tins; aluminium drink cans; plastic

Keep glass separate for recycling at the bottle bank or recycling centre.
Do not leave your bottles on the ground in boxes or bags at the bottle bank as it is a litter offence leaving you open to potential prosecution. Don't forget to rinse out the bottle/jar. If the bottle banks are full please contact the telephone number posted beside the collection points.

Recycle your used cardboard and Christmas wrapping paper by folding rather than scrunching it up. Christmas crackers and Christmas cards are all recyclable. Make sure all the cardboard and paper is clean and dry

Recycle food tins and aluminium drink cans - Remove any leftover food from tin and rinse out the drink can and if you can, squash the tin/can.

Recycle plastic drinks bottles, milk bottles, shampoo bottles, detergent and washing up liquid bottles, soap dispenser bottles, shower gel bottles and yoghurt drink bottles by rinsing these bottles out to get rid of any leftovers, squash them and place in recycle bin at recycling centre/waste collector.



Recycling your Christmas trees couldn't be easier. Remove all decorations, stands and lights, as these can't be composted

If your tree is potted, then find a place in your garden and plant it - you will be able to use it year after year.

If it's not potted, then contact your local council as many now provide a tree collection service throughout January or provide a "drop-off" collection point and locations are often listed on the local councils website.



Unwanted presents

Every Christmas we all receive at least one awful present or occasionally get the same present twice! But what do you with them? Here are some great ideas for making sure your unwanted gifts find a loving home:

Donate to charity shops

Take your gifts to your local charity and not only will they go to a good home, they will raise money for the charity too.

Regift

There's always a slight worry with regifting that you will give the unwanted present back to the person who gave it to you in the first place! But what might not be right for you could be perfect for someone else - you just need to rewrap it! Make sure the present is still intact and still has its labels.

Give away

Websites such as freetrade.ie and freecycle.org make it easy to unburden those no longer wanted items. Most of the time you just post it on the site and interested members will come and pick it up.

Sell it

If you're feeling the pinch in January, why not sell or auction presents online? There are lots of sites to choose from, including **ebay**, **eBid**, **Gumtree** and **Amazon**.