

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY



America Recycles Day

November 15

America Recycles Day (ARD) is a nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States. Every can, bottle and newspaper we recycle saves resources and energy, reduces the amount of waste in landfills, supplies raw materials to industry and creates jobs. This annual event encourages Americans to waste less, recycle more and purchase recycled products. Visit www.americarecyclesday.org to learn how you can make a difference.

CHRISTMAS TREE & DECORATION SWAP

Saturday, November 30 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Rusk County Visitor's Center

When you're getting your picture taken with Santa, why not swap out your old Christmas decorations for new-to-you ones? This way you'll save money and have more for the holidays. Bring your old decorations and artificial trees to the Visitor's Center on Saturday between 8:30 and 11 or drop them off at the Rusk County Recycling Office at the Courthouse the week prior. **Items must be in good working condition.** Feel free to browse the items and take whatever you can use. You DO NOT have to bring items in order to take them. All items left at the end of the event will be donated to local charities. Please call Charmaine at 715-532-2167 if you have any questions.

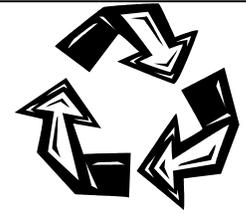
Did you know . . .

- ✓ 5R Processors takes large pieces of Styrofoam and the wire from Christmas lights (no bulbs) for free
- ✓ Bo James Computer Works accepts all computers for free and recycles them by reclaiming workable parts and recycling the rest
- ✓ Gordy's in Ladysmith no longer accepts CFL's for recycling
- ✓ **Coming Soon** – Rusk County Recycling will start accepting CFL's for FREE through a program with Focus on Energy!



Season's Green-ings from the Rusk County Recycling Department!

Stay in the loop



Want to keep up with the most current recycling information? Then visit www.ruskcounty.org/departments/recycling. There you can find the acceptable items list, upcoming events, recycling guide, resource information, current and past newsletters and much more!

If you've got some great recycling ideas or would like to see something else posted on the website, let me know.

Christmas Recycling Q & A

Christmas Paper & Cards - No. Our recycled paper gets sold to companies that use it to make new paper products such as toilet paper, napkins, tissues, etc. The major colors in wrapping paper and cards including the metallics and sparkles cause issues in the pulping process. The pump can't be bleached enough. The brown paper tubes that your wrapping paper comes on **can** be recycled.

Holiday Tins? Yes. Includes popcorn, spices/cocoa/ candy and candle tins. They need to be clean and try to flatten them so they take up less space.

Be Creative in your wrapping

Why pay good \$ for wrapping paper when you're just going to rip it off and throw it away? Consider wrapping your presents with the comic section of the newspaper, sheet music, reusable bags and more! Then there is no waste and you just saved a lot of money. Plus you can recycle it once the gifts have been opened. There's also lots of ideas online for crafts with Christmas Cards. Make them into new cards or gift tags.



Ho – Ho – Ho – Recycle on the go! Don't forget to recycle when you are away from home!

Rechargeable Batteries for Stocking Stuffers

If your child has or is expected to receive battery-operated toys this season, buy a small battery recharger and give rechargeable batteries either as a present or stocking stuffer. Rechargeable batteries cost more initially, but they can be reused many times. They will be cheaper than always buying new batteries and are better for the environment. Give the gift that keeps on giving!

Confused about battery recycling?

Alkaline Batteries including AA, AAA, C, D, 6 & 9 volt - You can throw these away as they are not banned from the landfill and no longer contain hazardous materials.

Rechargeable Batteries including Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Lithium Ion (Li-Ion), Small Sealed Lead Acid (SSLA/Pb), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), and Nickel Zinc (Ni-ZN) – These types of batteries are banned from the landfill and are accepted at the Rusk County Recycling Dept. year round or at Cleansweep for free.

Button Batteries that are small and round and are from watches, hearing aids, small portable electronics, greeting cards, toys and remote controls. These batteries do contain mercury and other heavy metals so should not be thrown away. Bring them to the Recycling Dept. year round or at Cleansweep for free.

Other Batteries – *Lithium Primary Batteries* are used a lot in cameras but are not accepted locally for recycling. *Automotive/Wet Cell Batteries* can be recycled at many automotive stores and scrap dealers. Car batteries are accepted annually at Cleansweep for free.



Want to stay off the naughty list? **RECYCLE**