

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY



America Recycles Day (ARD) is celebrated every year on November 15. The whole point of this day is to recycle things, to buy recycled products, and to learn more about the recycling process. Participating in ARD can be a great learning experience and can also help you clear out some clutter. Make recycling a normal thing to do in your household. See attached 5R flyer or visit www.americarecyclesday.org to learn more.

One day to educate. One day to motivate. One day to make recycling bigger and better 365 days a year. Get Involved!

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CHRISTMAS TREE & DECORATION SWAP

**Saturday, November 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Rusk County Visitor's Center**

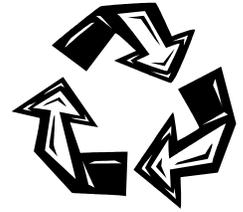
When you're getting your picture taken with Santa, why not swap out your old Christmas decorations for new-to-you ones? This way you'll save money and have more for the holidays. Bring your old decorations and artificial trees to the Visitor's Center on Saturday between 8:30 and 11 or drop them off at 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.

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Did you know . . . 5R Processors now takes large pieces of Styrofoam for free! If you are getting a new TV or computer this Christmas, call 5R at 715-532-2050 for more information about recycling your Styrofoam! They do NOT want packing peanuts or Styrofoam trays.

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! Kids, there is a section just for you too! Keep checking back as more information is loaded frequently.

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

Recycled Crafts



Still have your pumpkin from Halloween? Turn it into a turkey! Visit www.marinmommies.com/pumpkin-turkey-centerpiece-thanksgiving to learn how.



Visit <http://pinterest.com/pin/186829084512250388/> to watch a video on making a Christmas Tree out of paper, pencil and spool of thread. Use magazines, wrapping paper, whatever is lying around the house. When you're done – recycle it! This craft is 100% recyclable and reusable!

There are lots of ideas online for crafts with Christmas Cards. Make them into new cards or gift tags. Wrap your presents with the comic section on the newspaper, sheet music, reusable bags and more!

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

Christmas Recycling Q & A

Christmas Paper - 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 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 papers comes on **can** be recycled.

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

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 her rechargeable batteries as a present. 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. When they no longer work, bring them to the Rusk County Recycling Dept. year round for recycling (rechargeable and button batteries only).

Recycle electronics over the holidays!

When Santa is good to you, be good to the environment by recycling your old electronics. Local recyclers take most electronics for free and so do some retail stores like Best Buy. Ask before you buy. Visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Ecycle/> to learn more about electronics recycling in Wisconsin. Remember, certain electronics are banned from the landfill including computers, monitors, computer accessories, TV's, DVD/VCR's, Printers and more!

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Want to stay off the naughty list? RECYCLE