



Give back to the Earth this holiday season with some smart holiday composting.

Where to start?

Well, with your grocery lists, of course. To avoid wasted food after holiday meals, think about what you're cooking and who's coming for dinner. Start by getting a headcount for your guest list before you go shopping, think about the items your guests are most likely to eat, and make a list of the ingredients you need before you head to the store (sticking to it as best you can). Savethefood.com's handy [Guest-imator](#) tool helps you plan a menu and figure out much food you'll actually need for your party.



Composting Your Christmas Tree



Did you know that you can compost your Christmas tree? Just cut your tree into sections smaller than 4ft and drop it into your curbside cart. Since plastic, glass and metal can't be composted, make sure to remove all decorations before bringing it outside.

Send us your composting tips and tricks!



Do you have some helpful tips to share with other Foodcyclers? Reply to this email to share your wisdom and you may see your tip in a future newsletter!

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Make the Most of Your Holiday Feast

As you prep your meal, keep the compost bin ready for food scraps -potato peels, eggshells, nut shells, turkey bones, meat and fat. Remember you can also put any paper towels used to mop up greasy, runny messes, in both your countertop and curbside bins. And while it's best to send all your guests home with leftovers or eat them all yourself, remember you can compost what goes to waste. Those last bites of turkey and yams, the stale bread and biscuits, and forgotten holiday cookies can all go in your kitchen compost bin. Not sure what's all accepted? Try our new [WM RightCycle app](#) online or download from App Store or Google Play.



Decorate Now, Compost Later



Get creative with your decorations and embrace a compostable aesthetic. Fashion centerpieces from gourds, pine cones, paper cutouts, and fruit. Decorate your home with paper snowflakes, snowmen, and stars, or hang garlands strung with popcorn and cranberries along with fresh holly, ivy and organic evergreen wreaths (no frosted paint or preservatives). Decorate the tree with gingerbread ornaments and fragrant bundles of cinnamon sticks and dried orange slices. Enjoy the decorations through the holiday season and compost them when you're done.

Composting in the Yard



Don't forget about all the compostable material outside of your home. As you weed your garden and rake up fallen leaves from the yard, remember that food scraps and yard waste can all go in the same bin. This means that any leaves, grass clippings, dead plants, branches, carved pumpkins, pine cones, fallen nuts, acorns, and fruit, can also go in the curbside bin.

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The holidays can be a stressful time, but fitting compost into the mix doesn't have to be. Celebrate the season with good food, good company, and good composting practices!

Happy Composting (and Holidays)!

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