

# Zero Waste Holiday Gift Forum

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*Why zero waste?*

# 'Tis the season to be wasteful?

- 25% increase in household waste between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day (EPA)
- Landfills stink!
  - Methane is a potent greenhouse gas
  - Groundwater pollution
  - Take up valuable habitat (for plants, animals, + people)
  - Waste valuable resources
  - Sited disproportionately in impoverished and minority communities (Tuffs)



*How to give zero waste*

# Intentional giving starts with the 5 Rs

Refuse



Reduce



Reuse



Rot



Recycle



*Tips and Tricks*

# Give experiences, not things



- Tickets to shows, plays, fairs, concerts, or movies
- Gifts certificates to their favorite restaurant, museum, or coffee/tea shop
- Take them out to lunch (plan a time ASAP)
- Go camping or ice skating with them
- Give to a charity they care about

# Resources for giving and getting experiences

- [Customizable Wishlist and App](#)
- [46 Ways to Give Experiences](#)
- [General](#)
- [House Building Registry](#)
- [Honeymoon](#)
- [Funeral/Memorial](#)
- [Baby Registry](#)





# Edibles and consumables

Be kind to your recipient ...

you will be giving them a way to  
appreciate your thoughtfulness without  
you expecting to see the gift in their  
house when you come over for their  
Fourth of July BBQ



# Edibles and consumables

- Food Runners





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- Buy ingredients in 'bulk' in reusable containers or bags
- Serve on reusable dishware



# Think Long term and multifunctional

- Give second hand (less new stuff, less waste)
- Go digital with cards, so as not to clutter other's homes
  - If you love cards, make it a single sheet, no envelope
- Avoid things labeled with the year
- Avoid holiday specific decor or knick knacks
  - Not another snowflake ornament
  - Not another bedazzled holiday picture frame







# Trashy is the new classy

- Reuse old wrapping materials (or cereal boxes, packing material, etc.)
- Stamp your own wrapping paper
- Reuse other paper as wrapping (e.g. maps)
- Furoshiki (reusable cloths for wrapping)
- Avoid store bought wrappings (or make sure it is paper and recyclable)



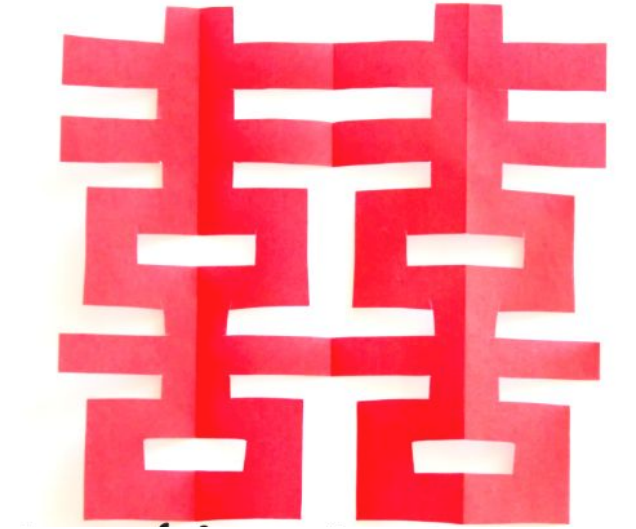
# Keep it real (and compost it!)

- No fake-y plastic stuff
  - Breaks easily
  - Trendy = \$pendy
  - Landfill destined
- Use natural clippings to decorate gifts
- When some unexpected waste sneaks in
  - Be **realistic** with your own process
  - (channel frustrations into writing a packaging review for Amazon)



# Thoughtful decor

- Ensure it is reusable, compostable, or recyclable
- Maintain traditions without the waste
- More [holiday party tips](#) from SF Environment



*Don't be the Grinch!*



# Nobody likes to be grinchd at

- Make it fun, beautiful, and meaningful, so it will last
- Give people time (start talking about next year now.)
- *Don't harp on people* who are not ready for change or who gave you the 'wrong' thing.
- START WITH YOURSELF!
  - Communicate thoughtfully (ask for experiences instead of things)



*Presidio Successes!*

# Shout Outs

- Landscape Shop for sustainable decor and gifts
- Park Development and Operations Division BBQ and Employee Satisfaction Training for using reusable silverware
- Hospitality for implementing sustainability guidelines for event venues and caterers
- 12/6 Thanksgiving Potluck with reusable dishware, real decor, and composting
- Snacks today with ingredients grown in the Community Gardens
- Off the Grid's high landfill diversion rate (81%)
- Sustainability Stewards Dec. Drop in Program Dec. 8th

## 2016 Season of Presidio Picnic & Twilight

In partnership with Off the Grid (OTG) and Clean Vibes, Presidio Picnic and Twilight events have committed to more sustainable practices.

Waste Diverted  
**43 TONS**  
81%  
Diversion Rate

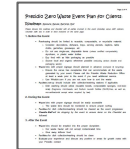
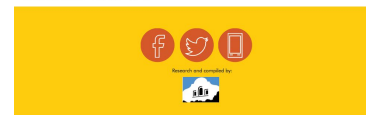
### OUR GOALS:



### TRANSPORTATION:



### MORE INFO:



*Questions?*

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