HAVE A MERRY & ZERO WASTE HOLIDAY

1. Use newspaper or reuse gift bags & tissue paper to wrap presents. Fabric pieces, scarves, decorative towels, reusable bags are also great ideas & reusable.
2. Regift or give hand-made gifts.
3. Purchase gifts from second hand stores, or purchase gifts with zero or minimal packaging.
4. Give experiences - concerts, nights out, spa days, cooking classes or sporting events - instead of material gifts.
5. Make a donation to a charity on behalf of a loved one instead of a material gift.
6. Make mason jar cookie or drink mixes for coworkers, teachers, family, and friends.
7. Donate tree ornaments and lights that are no longer used to retirement homes, schools, or second-hand stores.
8. Make unique ornaments from old Holiday cards, or all those crafts the kids bring home from school.
9. Look for places to recycle Christmas trees.
10. Use shredded newspaper to package gift.
11. Make centerpieces out of fresh fruit and vegetables. Then donate through Good Food Recovery to get it to your local food pantry.
12. Skip wrapping larger items and hide them around the house as a scavenger hunt.
13. Donate old unused holiday cards to daycares, schools, nursing homes or send to the local veteran's home.

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