

# Downsizing December

**Gift Wrapping:** If you can't reuse gift wrapping, consider alternatives like newspaper, magazine pages, cloth scraps, cardboard boxes, and more!

If it isn't glossy, glittery, neon-colored, or shiny [it can be recycled or used in your compost](#).

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**Donate Your Goods:** The Division of Solid Waste has [Helpsy textile recycling bins](#) located at [our office in Poughkeepsie](#). [Here's a link](#) to what's accepted.

You can donate other goods, like decorations, household items, and more [to other organizations](#).



**Reusable Containers:** Many holidays are centered around food, so bringing reusable containers is a great way to reduce food waste. Glass and stainless steel are the best material for storing things.

Another way to reduce waste is to portion correctly. You can visit [savethefood.com](https://www.savethefood.com) to estimate and check out new recipes!

You can also [compost](#) organics if not edible.



**Decorations:** In addition to decorating with reusable materials, you can also use organics like dried fruit, pine cones, gourds, and more to make ornaments, wreaths, and table spreads.

