

## The Page and the Epistle

### FEATURES

# FEATURE: DREAMING OF A GREEN CHRISTMAS: BE MORE ENVIRONMENTAL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

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With the excitement of the holidays comes the negative environmental impact. Each December, Americans increase their amount of trash by approximately 25 percent, according to Stanford University. There are, however, many simple ways to eliminate reduce the strain placed on the environment during the holiday season.

### Alternatives to Wrapping Paper:

Perhaps the most wasteful element of gift-giving, the use of wrapping paper, can be easily altered. Rather than purchasing a roll of paper that will be used once and quickly thrown away, you can gather paper in your home – newspapers, magazines, anything you plan on discarding –and wrap gifts with those instead. You can also choose not to wrap gifts at all, opting for reusable bags, boxes, or baskets.

If you purchase wrapping paper, search for rolls made of recycled paper. You can also find reusable ribbons to use in place of plastic ones.

### Holiday Lights:

Holiday lights, often used to decorate Christmas trees and other display areas, use a lot of energy, ultimately adding to greenhouse gas emissions and pollution. One alternative is to use energy-saving LED holiday lights, which use 90 percent less energy than typical holiday lights. Another option is to ditch the lights altogether, or use them more minimally than in previous years.

### Gifts:

Although the holiday season isn't primarily about gifts, they seem to be especially prominent, and can again contribute negatively to the environment. This holiday season, keep in mind three ideas when re-

questing or shopping for gifts:

1. Choose environmentally conscious gifts. Search for gifts with reusable or minimal packaging, as well as ones from companies that deliberately try to reduce their impact on the environment.
2. Shop local. This is a more reliable way to ensure that the gifts you give aren't detrimental to Mother Nature, since shopping locally reduces the amount of fuel required to transport items and reduces your carbon footprint.
3. Reduce gifts. If you request certain items this holiday season, consider asking for less – although it can be tempting to request many items that you likely won't use, it might be best to cut down your list. Think about whether you'll genuinely make use of what you ask for. Consider requesting donations to environmentally friendly organizations instead. After all, while gifts are enjoyable to receive, the holidays are meant to be a time for family and giving back to others, including our environment.

## 13 THOUGHTS ON "FEATURE: DREAMING OF A GREEN CHRISTMAS: BE MORE ENVIRONMENTAL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON"



**Sarah**

MAY 25, 2022 AT 3:00 PM

Wonderful views on that!

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**Wayne**

MAY 31, 2022 AT 11:32 AM

I visited many sites except the audio feature for audio songs existing at this web page is in fact superb.

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**Micah**

JUNE 2, 2022 AT 7:26 AM

Very good blog! Do you have any tips and hints for aspiring writers?  
I'm planning to start my own website soon but I'm a little lost on everything.

Would you advise starting with a free platform  
like WordPress or go for a paid option? There are so many options out there that  
I'm totally confused .. Any recommendations? Appreciate it!

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**Vivien**

JUNE 2, 2022 AT 5:43 PM

If you are going for best contents like me, just pay a visit this website everyday since it offers quality contents, thanks

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**Theodore**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 1:48 PM

Right here is the perfect webpage for everyone who wishes to understand this topic. You know so much its almost tough to argue with you (not that I personally would want to...HaHa). You certainly put a brand new spin on a topic which has been written about for ages. Excellent stuff, just great!

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**Randal**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 2:07 PM

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**Valarie**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 4:31 PM

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**Theda**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 4:38 PM

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**Claudio**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 5:08 PM

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**Hector**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 5:17 PM

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**Alejandrina**

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**Kia**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 6:33 PM

Thank you for the auspicious writeup. It in fact was a amusement account it.  
Look advanced to far added agreeable from you! By the way, how can we communicate?

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**샌즈카지노**

AUGUST 15, 2022 AT 4:26 PM

Major thankies for the blog article. Really thank you! Awesome.