



## Green Holiday Tips

**The EPA offers a few tips to help you make your holidays more green and environmentally friendly, like using LED lights.**

### Decorate with LED Lights

These ENERGY STAR-qualified decorative light strings can help make your holiday decorations more earth friendly. The EPA says these lights: Can last up to 10 times longer than traditional incandescent strands. Are cool to the touch, reducing the risk of fire. Do not have moving parts, filaments or glass, so they are much more durable and shock-resistant than other light strings. Are available in a variety of colors, shapes and lengths. Come with a three-year warranty, meaning fewer light string replacements. Are independently tested to meet strict lifetime and electrical requirements.

If you're stuck for ideas on how to make your holiday green this year--that is, how to make it friendly for the environment--the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) offers a few suggestions, especially for the holiday shopping season: Travel efficiently

Map your shopping route to make a number of stops in one trip instead of one stop in a number of trips.  
Take public transportation.  
Hitch a ride with a friend or family member.

### Shop for green decorations and gifts

Give gifts and decorate your house with electronics that have earned the Energy Star rating  
Unplug your gifts and decorations when not in use  
Choose gifts that have less packaging.

### Extend the useful life of gifts

Before tossing the old to make room for the new, check to see if you can donate it, reuse it, or recycle it.

For more ideas and to share yours, too, visit the EPA blog.