CalRecycle's 2025 Eco-Friendly Gift Guide



Swap trashy gifts for timeless alternatives

Californians generate nearly 25% more trash between Thanksgiving and New Year's. Here's how to celebrate the season with less waste, and more joy.

Top Eco-Friendly Gift Picks for 2025

Bicycle – New or used, bikes are a fun, healthy way to reduce pollution.

Cloth Bags and Napkins – Help family and friends ditch single-use items.

Composter – From small tumblers to large bins, composters keep food and yard waste from creating climate pollution in landfills.

Consumable Treats – Homemade candy, jams, or pickles are great gift ideas. Or pair fancy salts, coffee, wine, or chocolate with reusable containers.

Experience Gifts – Concerts, classes, memberships, and more. Help loved ones create memories, not trash.

Food Scraps Collection Bin – Help someone start a composting habit with a countertop or freezer-friendly bin for easy food scrap collection.

LED Lights – A gift basket of bulbs or holiday lights helps loved ones upgrade.

Plants and Seeds – Live plants, fruit trees, or seeds can be paired with gardening supplies for the nature lover in your life.

Rain Barrel – Save water to help your grass or plants survive the dry months.

Rechargeable Batteries – A smart add-on to any electronic gift!

Reusable Containers – Reusable water bottles, coffee cups, sandwich bags, mess kits, and more save money and reduce waste all year long.

Subscriptions – Streaming, fitness, or music apps keep giving all year long.

Transit Passes – Encourage car-free travel with bus, train, or light-rail passes.

Vintage and Durable Goods – Antiques, linens, and quality tools built to last.

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