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Greening Your Holiday



the tasty holiday foods or splurge on a present for a loved one. Environmentalism and holiday cheer can go hand-in-hand. environmentally-friendly. Pick one or more of these tips and you will be on your way to ringing in a green year!

oliday sweater, even host an ugly sweater party to get everyone in the energy-saving spirit!
[here](#) to find TVs, computers, and holiday lights that are ENERGY STAR certified.
s. Not only will you save gas and money, but you will enjoy merry company.

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s at your holiday parties. Be so bold as to bring your own utensils, plates, and cups to others' holiday parties. Your host m
paper, and cloth as wrapping paper.
ards, family photos, tissue paper, calendars, and other items destined for the landfill.
eaths to cut down on irrigation.
rees. Visit [Waste Management](#), [EDCO](#), or the [City of San Diego's](#) websites for tree recycling information in your service ar
(when appropriate).

habits to your hotel or hosts' house.

aking your holiday season more eco-friendly should be fun. And remember to spread the joy!

er Tips. U.S Environmental Protection Agency Web site. <<http://www.epa.gov/epahome/hi-winter.htm#reducewaste>>

Open Your Holiday Scene. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Web site. <<http://www.epa.gov/students/holiday.html>>

Have a Greener Holiday! U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Web site. <<http://www.epa.gov/wastes/inforesources/news/2004news/12-holiday.htm>>

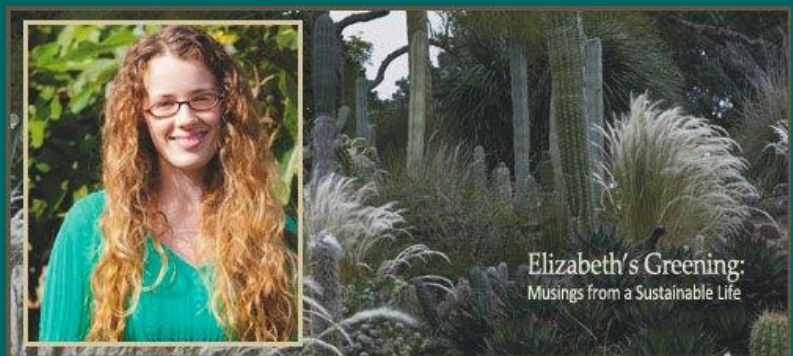
About Your Community: What Can I Do to Help the Environment When I Travel for the Holidays or an Upcoming Meeting? U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Web site. <<http://www.epa.gov/epaweb/piddL89ZW3u6Qjouy55EGp0146?activepage=ecampaign.wizard.detail&pageName=ecampaign.wizard.detail&action=wizard.detail>>

Greening!

Elizabeth's Greening, Elizabeth Ward, is a blog that discusses the personal challenges and rewards of living a more sustainable life. Below

my years have been defined as much by the people with whom I was composting as by the more typical influences of location, bin, or method. I was relying on my parents to do almost all the work, and occasionally helping Mom scoop some finished compost from the bottom of the

[click here](#).



Composting and food waste, compost provides nutrients and beneficial micro-organisms to soil virtually for free. Compost restoration has benefits to individual people in gardens and agricultural farms, but we cannot ignore the larger impact that compo

tons of municipal solid waste in 2009, or about 4.3 pounds of waste per person per day (1). Organic materials are the largest component of municipal solid waste, with food scraps account for another twenty-eight percent (2).

A major threat to landfill capacities and open space, but decomposing organic material in anaerobic conditions produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas. In the U.S. produced 12.5 million metric tons of methane - almost twice the emissions of coal mining (3).

Landfills are the third-largest source of human-related methane emissions in the United States, accounting for seventeen percent of total methane emissions in the atmosphere, changing the climate, and severely effecting ecosystems.

d of the Wriggly Wranch. This worm bin has four tiers plus a leachate collector and comes in Terracota color. Bin prices will remain the

Have we wormed our way into your heart?



Become a Solana Center Volunteer!

If you are interested in becoming a Solana Center volunteer, please register by [clicking here](#).

Opportunities include composting, gardening, community education, and much more! Please contact Dominique Navarro with any ques

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aste) collection events for all County of San Diego residents. These drop-off events are held every fourth Saturday of each month from

s of it. All events will be held at the Solana Center ([click here](#) for directions) and are sponsored by the City of Encinitas.

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To find out where to recycle these items please visit our website by [clicking here](#).

agement, the County of San Diego, and the Cities of Encinitas and San Diego.

