

Four green decorating tips to remember this holiday season:



- ❖ Choose a living tree from a tree farm in the Treasure Valley or consider decorating an indoor plant instead of a tree!
- ❖ Organize an ornament swap with friends and neighbors instead of throwing away your old ones or buying new ones.
- ❖ Lightly trim an evergreen tree or bush to make your own wreaths and swags.
- ❖ Put your outdoor holiday lights on a timer to save energy and keep the night sky dark.

Five green entertaining ideas to remember this holiday party season:



- ❖ Send electronic or handmade invitations.
- ❖ Use local food and wine sources (go to www.localharvest.org for find local connections!)
- ❖ Decorate with what you already have or throw a party with friends who will share their decorations.
- ❖ Help guests carpool or rideshare.
- ❖ Use real plates, silverware, glasses and napkins or ask guests to bring their own and provide a washing station.

Five green gifting ideas to remember this holiday season:



- ❖ The perfect gift might be a shared experience!
- ❖ Most presents end up, tragically, in the landfill.
- ❖ Re-gift! What do you have that someone else would enjoy?
- ❖ Seek out gifts made from recycled goods and close the loop.
- ❖ Buy American- Buy Local- Support your local manufacturers and vendors!