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Free Christmas tree recycling
at the landfill from December 26,
2018 through January 19, 2019.

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Important Notice:

The Solid Waste

District is in the process of installing cameras at our Eaton and Camden public recycling drop off sites. There will be video surveillance at the Eaton Fire Station (391 W. Lexington Rd.) and the Camden Maintenance parking lot (7760 N. Main St.) bins. Illegal dumping should be curbed since there will be video evidence to prosecute violators. Recycle responsibly!

Hours of Operation:

Preble County
Landfill: 8:30 AM
to 4:00 PM.
Preble County
Solid Waste
(HHW and Elec-
tronics Trailers):
8:30 to 4:00 PM.

Holiday Recycling Suggestions from Rumpke:

5 Tips to Make Your Recycling Count:

1. Put items in your recycling container loose!

No plastic bags. Don't place material inside plastic bags. Don't place empty plastic bags in your recycling. Plastic bags aren't accepted in our recycling programs, but you can take them back to many area grocery/retail stores.

2. Avoid "tanglers"

Items like clothing, bed sheets, garden hoses, chains, ropes, dog leashes and Christmas lights should not be placed in your recycling. These "tanglers" wrap around the sorting equipment and cause damage.

3. Look at our list, not the label.

Virtually everything has a recycling symbol; however, that doesn't mean an item can be recycled everywhere. An item's recyclability is determined by many factors. Visit www.preblecountyrecycles for our list of what can be recycled through Rumpke, our county's recycling service provider.

4. When it comes to plastic, examine the shape of the container, not the number.

Currently, Rumpke can only accept plastic bottles and jugs, which are containers that have a top smaller than the bottom and often have a screw on lid.

5. Cans CAN be recycled.

When it comes to metal and aluminum, only put the cans in your recycling container. While other types of metal can be recycled, you should take those non-can items directly to a specialized metal recycler, or to the Preble County Landfill (there is a minimum charge of \$15 for scrap metal) but it gets recycled!

When in doubt – Ask us!

We're here to help. Send us your recycling questions: via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [email](#) or [phone](#). Even expert recyclers have questions about recycling the right way. Rumpke, your recycling leader, wants to help.

It's important to only recycle items accepted in Rumpke's program. Putting the wrong material into your recycling bin can cause big problems. Some items damage machines at the processing center, others pose hazards to employees or even prevent us from recycling other material.

Rumpke wants to make sure your recycling efforts count. In other words, we want to make sure your time and efforts ensure the intended result -- positive environmental benefits for generations to come.

*Visit Rumpke.com for information about all of Rumpke's waste collection and recycling services.

Recycling Tips for the Christmas Holiday from PCSWMD



1. Recycle Used Cardboard & Wrapping Paper

Toy packaging, Christmas wrapping paper, boxes, etc., can be recycled. Flatten them down as much as possible and remove any non-recyclable inserts. Keep the paper and cardboard dry. If you don't have a recycling bin or it's overflowing, use your nearest recycling drop of site listed on www.preblecountyrecycles.org.

2. Get Creative & Reuse

Cut the fronts of Christmas cards into gift tags. It's a clever way of saving money, reducing waste, and it makes a unique and creative accent to your wrapping. Used wrapping paper, gift tags and cards can all also be up-cycled into Christmas decorations like hanging tree ornaments or garlands.

3. How to Get Rid of Your Real Christmas Tree

A downside of a real Christmas tree is dealing with its disposal after the holidays. Bring it to the Preble County Landfill for free Christmas tree recycling December 26, 2018 through January 19, 2019. Tie it securely to the roof of your car once you ensure it doesn't obscure your view or damage your vehicle's paintwork. Laying down a tarpaulin underneath will protect the paint.

4. Power Through Waste Batteries

Christmas battery powered toys may mean you are left with a mound of old batteries, which should be recycled. Take advantage of bringing batteries to the Preble County Landfill's HHW Trail in order to reduce your household waste and be an environmentally responsible citizen. It's free to drop off batteries!

5. Compost Waste Food

It's the most excessive time of year, when we eat and drink the most, and we're bound to leave some after us. Dispose of leftovers in a compost bin to create a free and nutritious compost for your garden in spring. Be sure to compost the right types of organic matter. See our compost guide: www.preblecountyrecycles.org.

6. Recycle Old Electrical Items

You may receive a great Christmas present that replaces an old electrical appliance or gadget. Recycle old or broken electrical items at the Preble County Landfill's electronics trailer. It's free to use (TVs excluded).

7. Bring Unwanted Gifts to a Charity Shop

Unfortunately, sometimes those we love don't buy us presents we love! Give those unwanted gifts to a charity shop and hopefully they will do some good for someone in need. Think: Once Around, or ReStore.

8. Recycle Glass

Over the holidays, we have all those extra jars and bottles left in the banquet aftermath. Rinse out glass bottles or jars, then bring the glass to one of our public recycling drop off sites listed on www.preblecountyrecycles.org.

9. Recycle Aluminum Drink Cans

Rinse cans then squash them down to save space before putting them in the recycling bin. Aluminum cans are accepted in any one of our county's public recycling drop-off sites and Rumpke's curbside collections.

10. Recycle Plastic

Check the bottom of plastic containers for a recycling symbol, usually a triangle with #1 or #2 inside, to see if you can recycle it. See the front of this newsletter for Rumpke's guide to recycling plastics. Rinse out any leftovers and then squash them to save space before putting them in a public recycling bin or curbside.