

'Tis the Season

of new power tools, updated smartphones and the latest got-to-have toys! Be a responsible environmental steward by disposing of your electronics and batteries safely. Here's how:

Holiday Lights

Half the lights are burned out, so it's tempting to just throw the tangled strand into your waste cart and buy new next year, right? Not so fast. Those lights can't go to the landfill because they leak toxins into the ground. Check with your city to see if it has a drop-off program available. Or consider our Bulb & Battery Recycling Mail-Back Kits for responsible disposal.



Phones, Tablets & Computers

The updated tablet or the newest phone may be on your list this year, but don't just kick your old ones to curb. Literally... they are not recyclable curbside. If you put them in your recycling cart, they can damage the environment and start fires in the landfill! Recycle them via various big-box store drop-off locations and with Republic Services' Electronics Recycling Mail-Back Kits.

Battery-Operated Toys

Remove the batteries. If they still work, use them in something else. If they're dead, take them to a store that offers battery recycling, or purchase a mail-back recycling kit. Give the toy to someone else who might use it or take it to a thrift store.



Power Tools

Whether it plugs into an outlet or uses a battery, you shouldn't just toss dysfunctional power tools in the garbage. Hazardous material can end up in our ground water as a result. To dispose of tools safely, remove the batteries. Some brands allow free drop-off at certain manufacturer locations, or you can send the tools back via a mail-back recycling kit.

Enjoy your holidays and celebrate your responsible actions toward our planet! Visit [RecyclingSimplified.com](https://www.RecyclingSimplified.com) and [RepublicServices.com](https://www.RepublicServices.com) for more information.

