South Hams recycles this Christmas
reduce, reuse & recycle

Advent Calendars
REDUCE – avoid single use calendars
REUSE – buy a reusable advent calendar and add homemade sweets and treats
RECYCLE –
- Card packaging
- Foil (scrunched into a ball)
- Plastic tray

Wrapping Paper
REDUCE – gift experiences rather than stuff
REUSE – explore reusable gift wrapping
RECYCLE –
- Brown paper
- Any other wrapping paper
- Tape

Online delivery packaging
REDUCE – buy local
REUSE – use cardboard for crafts or upcycle into storage around the house
RECYCLE –
- Cardboard
- Plastic envelopes
- Polystyrene
- Bubble wrap

Christmas Trees
To help you decide between a real or fake tree, visit www.recycledevon.org/christmas-trees-real-vs-fake
RECYCLE –
- Real Christmas Tree (6ft or less)
- Real Christmas Tree (more than 6ft)
- Fake Tree (at end of life)

Cards
REDUCE – send an e-card
REUSE – old cards can be reused as gift tags
RECYCLE –
- Cards with no glitter, stuck on decoration or shiny bits
- Cards with glitter, stuck on decoration or shiny bits

Leftovers
REDUCE – plan your portions, visit www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/portion-planner
REUSE – be creative and make your leftovers into something new
RECYCLE –
- Turkey / chicken carcass
- Fruit / veg peelings
- All cooked / uncooked food leftovers

Mince Pies
REDUCE – make mince pies at home
REUSE – make leftovers into something new
RECYCLE –
- Leftover mince pies
- Foil cases (scrunch together into a ball)
- Cardboard box
- Plastic tray

Drinks containers
REUSE – glass bottles can be used as vases or insert fairy lights to make a light feature
RECYCLE –
- Plastic bottles (lids on)
- Glass bottles
- Bottle corks
- Metal screw tops

Aluminium Trays & Packaging
REDUCE – avoid single use trays
REUSE – use a reusable roasting tin
RECYCLE –
- Foil trays (rinsed to remove grease)
- Foil wrappers (scrunch into a ball)
- Foil wrappers (plastic lined)

Sweet Tubs
REDUCE – make sweets & treats at home
REUSE – tubs & tins can be reused for storage
RECYCLE –
- Foil wrappers (scrunch together into a ball)
- Metal / plastic tins
- Plastic wrappers

Food Packaging
REDUCE – try options with less packaging
RECYCLE –
- Film wrappers
- Sweet wrappers

Decorations
REDUCE – make your own at home
REUSE – look for sustainable alternatives, avoid buying new decorations every year
RECYCLE –
- Broken fairy lights
- Crackers with no glitter, stuck on decoration or shiny bits
- Crackers with glitter, stuck on decoration or shiny bits
- Tinsel / damaged baubles
- End of life homemade decorations (if painted or treated with preservative)

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