



## Holiday Press Release, December 2011

### Twelve Things To Do Before Christmas

The truth about having a True Green Christmas for the 99% of us in 2011 is we can't. Nevertheless, we can take steps toward a GREENER Christmas and feel good about doing so. Below are twelve things to do before Christmas to save money, energy, and our planet. Additional information and photos can be seen on our Energy Blog at EnergyHotWire.com.

**First Day:** Buy cards made from Tree FREE Resources, such as hemp or kenaf or make your own cards using recycled paper or recycled card stock. Reuse old envelopes and use environment friendly inks when writing out your cards or printing them.

**Second Day:** Go shopping for the holiday feast a different way. Walk! If you can't walk to the food store, take a vehicle that gives you the best gas mileage. That might be a car, but public transportation is better. To facilitate shopping check out, use Reusable Cloth bags.

**Third Day:** when buying all that food you can save a great deal by not buying foods that must be shipped thousands of miles to get to you. Buy from local farmers who take pride in growing organic produce or sustainable meats. This will help your own local economy and you help to reduce the carbon footprint just by shopping smarter.

**Fourth Day:** If you have yet to read the short story "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry, please do. A simple gift from your heart is worth a million times more than a big electronic product that uses natural resources. The digital version of this book makes a great eco-friendly gift.

**Fifth Day:** Have a tree planted in a U.S. National Forest for a person who loves nature and the outdoors. This is another great eco-friendly gift.

**Sixth Day:** Call your neighbors and ask them if they need anything from the post office or supermarket when you make that trip. Perhaps you can even carpool with some of them.

**Seventh Day:** Donate your talents to local outreach programs that help save time, money, energy, and our planet.

**Eighth Day:** When buying commercial gifts, buy GREEN. A reusable mug or cup can help our environment and save energy by avoiding buying bottle water that is the worst. Learn how a reusable mug and distilled water can make a powerful difference at our web page:  
[energyhotwire.com/water/watersolution.html](http://energyhotwire.com/water/watersolution.html)

**Ninth Day:** When wrapping those gifts reuse old wrapping paper, bags, and boxes from prior years.

**Tenth Day:** If you are putting lights up outside your house to whatever degree, use the new LED lights to save energy and money. Realized savings can be as high as 90%. Simple is better for most people, so also try to stay away from all those Blow-Up Decors that use fans and lights.

**Eleventh Day:** Remember the Three Rs: **R**euse old holiday cards by tearing off the cover image and using them as gift name tags for next year. Thus **R**educing the need to buy new name tags. **R**ecycle the back half of the cards.

**Twelfth Day:** Please join us as a Free member at [EnergyHotwire.com](http://EnergyHotwire.com) to learn so much more about saving Money, Energy, and our Environment. Also get discounts on our upcoming On-Line Classes.

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