



We are 12 days away from Christmas and the season for overindulgence is fast approaching. Did you know that an extra 30% of rubbish is produced and discarded throughout the festive period as compared with the rest of the year? With the extra waste being produced by consumers, manufacturers, restaurants and retailers, now is the perfect time to start making a difference.

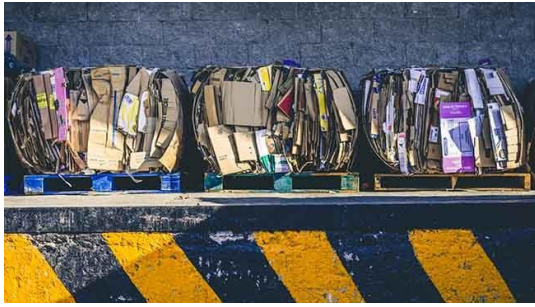
What can we do?

1. Bring an eco-bag when you are out shopping.
2. Consider buying from local businesses or social enterprises.
3. Exercise your creativity and make your own gifts.
4. Find alternatives to wrapping paper and avoid glossy wrapping that cannot be recycled.
5. Plan ahead when it comes to food at gatherings and use non-disposables to reduce waste.
6. Lower the impact of holiday electricity usage by taking advantage of the recent cool weather and turning on Christmas decorative lights sparingly.
7. Recycle gift wrappers, packaging, bottles and cans after a gathering.

Help to save our Earth - one small step at a time! Let's continue to make recycling a way of life, and let's start by celebrating a 'green' Christmas!

Be informed. Be inspired. Be the change.

ARTICLES & UPDATES



Packaging waste piles as e-commerce sales soar

The volume of packaging material used by the sectors hit 9.4 million tonnes in 2018, and is set to reach 41.3 million tonnes by 2025, if the rate of increase is maintained. Read [more...](#)



Saving food from the bin

The writer of this article brave stares and got a taste of the action from Food Rescue @ Events, a telegram group that alerts members to leftover food at events. Read [more...](#)



The zero-waste movement is on the march in Singapore

From repurposing food waste as construction material to getting companies to reduce unnecessary packaging, Singapore is en route to being zero waste. Read [more...](#)



Dreaming of a green Christmas

A sustainable Christmas without sacrificing the good things in life? Three eco-warriors show how they're doing it and want to inspire you to do the same, if not, more. Read [more...](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



19 December 2019

Christmas Gifting For Elderly

Christmas is nearing. Volunteer to join the team in giving out cheerful boxes with Christmas-themed items to elderly residents during home visits in Marsiling. [Find out more.](#)



26 December 2019

Food Ration Packing

Want to workout and do good in this Christmas season? Come and volunteer to unload and sort food rations collected from Boys' Brigade donations from the public. [Find out more.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



17,19 and 20 December 2019

Christmas Song Signing Performance

Performed by NTU RSP Deaf Community, come and support your peers as the team song signs to popular Christmas tunes. Christmas song signing is a way to raise awareness about the deaf community by performing for the hearing public.

[Find out more.](#)



7 - 21 December 2019

Nature in the Heartland Exhibition

Organised by Nature Society (Singapore), this event is a community exhibition to raise awareness and appreciation for our natural heritage in Singapore. The exhibition will showcase a range of local biodiversity, their beauty and importance. [Find out more.](#)



14 December 2019

Charity Bake Sale

In support of The Food Bank Singapore to end food insecurity in Singapore, local artisan bakery Plain Vanilla will be hosting a charity bake sale. At the event, you can also meet Charlie Kwok, a freelance food stylist, photographer and blogger from [@chockywoky](#). [Find out more.](#)



21 - 22 December 2019

Bayfront Farmer's Christmas Market

Back for a second season, come and do some last minute Christmas shopping. Part of the proceeds will be donated to fund Teen Challenge's programmes, which provides rehabilitation for alcohol and drug abusers and individuals with addiction issues. [Find out more.](#)

OTHERS



Now - 12 January 2020

STEP Sociovation Forum 2020

A fully-funded week-long residential programme that brings regional young leaders, who are passionate about environmental sustainability and are committed to social change and impact. Click [here](#) to read more and apply.



Website



Email



Telegram

Student Community Engagement aims to empower students to make a difference through positive social actions. We believe that young people have a critical role to play in building a better world for themselves and the community.

We provide students access to opportunities such as grants for their ground-up initiatives and social entrepreneurship efforts, internships at non-profit organisations, and training programmes to develop community leadership skills.

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