



Repak Green Christmas Hints and Tips

1. The main theme is 'Clean Green Christmas'. Repak is calling on all householders to keep their recyclables clean and well segregated as these are much easier to recycle and more valuable on international recycling markets.
2. Ensure all cardboard and paper is kept clean and dry. Flatten all used cardboard boxes and remove any plastic inserts / windows.
3. Ideally fold all used wrapping paper rather than scrunching it up as this aids segregation and ensures greater space in collection receptacles / recycling bins.
4. Ensure all glass bottles are cleaned and rinsed of any residual liquids.
5. All glass jars (such as mayonnaise, mint and sauce jars) are washed out, lids taken off and residues removed.
6. Use reusable boxes or bags for collecting up your glass recyclables.
7. Keep colours properly separated and please do not leave used glass on the ground at recycling banks as this slows collection and attracts unwanted dumping.
8. Food cans should be cleaned and rinsed, placing lids / tops inside the washed cans and finally squash for maximum efficiency of collection systems / receptacles.
9. Rinse and empty contents from used aluminium cans.

10. Remember to collect up and recycle all aluminium trays and dishes from takeaways and pies. Ensure these are clean and remnants removed before compacting all small trays together in one large bundle for ease of further separation.

11. Recycle all plastic containers with the number 1 and 2 placed inside a triangle, usually positioned on the base of these bottles. These generally cover items such as plastic drinks bottles, milk bottles, shampoo bottles, detergent and washing up liquid bottles, soap dispenser bottles and shower gel bottles; as well as yogurt drink bottles. Always rinse these thoroughly and remove the final contents. Wash and squash before placing in your recycling bin (recycling bins generally accept all types of plastic bottles but often other plastic containers, such as trays and plastic films, are excluded. Confirm plastic items accepted with your contract provider)

12. Many households now have access to brown bin systems for food and garden waste. Recycle all food waste, vegetable and fruit peelings by wrapping them in old newspapers before placing them in compost bins for collection.

13. Remember don't just recycle items from your kitchen; also ensure you remember to recycle from other rooms and areas of the house.

14. When the festivities are over bring any unwanted gifts of clothes or toys to your local charity shop or give them away on-line through sites such as FREETRADE.ie



15. Remember if you have a real Christmas tree ensure you bring it to one of the many designated Christmas tree recycling depots established around the country by your respective local authority. Check Repak.ie or your local authority website for locations and times of operation for these sites.

16. Recycle your used batteries. All shops selling batteries are now obliged to have available collection boxes for the return of used batteries.

17. Recycle any old or broken electrical items in your local recycling centres or by returning them to an electrical shop.