6 TRICKS FOR CELEBRATING SUSTAINABLY

1. Reusable Ware
Use a reusable mug or bottle for your favorite holiday drinks. Ask guests to bring their own mug for drinks or provide them with one to take home. Also, shop with your favorite canvas bag.

2. Buy Responsibly
Consider purchasing gifts locally instead of ordering online. Purchase one thoughtful gift rather than 6 unwanted ones or give a gift of experience rather than a material object.

3. Greener Wrapping
Did you know your house is full of gift wrapping materials? Try using brown paper bags and decorating them with holiday themes; wrapping gifts in comics or newspaper; or use cereal boxes as gift bags. You can also reuse wrapping materials like tissue paper, ribbons & gift bags.

4. Reduce Food Waste
Prevent food waste by planning. Use savethefood.com/guestimator to help plan how much food to purchase. Encourage guests to bring containers to bring leftovers home in and freeze leftovers for an easy meal another day.

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5 Party Planning
When planning your party consider using compostable plates, asking guests to reuse the same plate for dinner and dessert, or bring their own serving ware.
Get creative! Make decorations out of old newspaper, paper shopping bags, or items from nature like pinecones.
Set up labeled waste stations for recycling, food, and trash.

6 Recycle Wisely
New for this holiday season, ecomaine’s new free app can help. The ecomaine RECYCLOPEDIA features more than 700 common household materials, complete with simple instructions on how to best recycle or dispose of them.
Get the kids engaged with the app’s Wicked Smaht Recycler waste-sorting game, too!

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