

## ***Give Green for the Holidays***

No, not cash. Earth-friendly gifts! Why give just any old gift, when you can give one that helps keep the planet healthy?

Give to an earth-friendly charity in your loved one's name. Give "offsets" that compensate for the climate-damaging carbon dioxide produced by your friend's energy use. Re-give a gift you've received but won't use. There are plenty of ways to give green for the holidays. Here's a list that should spur some ideas:

- [What Goes Around](#) offers an online tool for making charitable donations in someone else's name.
- [NativeEnergy](#) sells EarthCoolers: offsets that compensate for the global-warming impact of energy use.
- Through [Desert Sweet Organics](#), you can adopt an organic apple tree and give the gift of organic fruit!
- Crafty gift-givers can reuse objects in their homes to create hand-made gifts. (Say... yogurt cups?)
- Why not bake a gift instead of buying one? (The more organic ingredients, the better for the earth!)
- Send e-cards for the holidays, instead of paper cards.
- If you're giving electronics or an appliance, look for the US Department of Energy's [Energy Star](#) seal.
- Give a solar-powered gift from [GreenCulture](#).
- Give sustainable building materials or furnishings from [Green Sage Store](#).
- Give an organic gift from [Organic Wine Company](#), [Organic Gift Shop](#), [Rawganique.com](#), [SaffronRouge](#), [Under the Nile](#), [Clear Remedies](#) or your favorite organic store.

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