

Give extra thought to what friends and family REALLY want or need.

### GREEN GIFT IDEAS...

- \* Evaluate the gift for simplicity and durability; look for long term warranties.
- \* Send rechargeable batteries along with electronic gifts
- \* Give a garden! Seeds, gloves, tools, etc.
- \* A bird feeder and seed
- \* Give cloth napkins and rings
- \* Compost bin
- \* Cloth shopping bags
- \* Energy-saving light fixtures or bulbs (LEDs / compact fluorescents)
- \* Gift basket filled with non-toxic household cleaners or recycled paper goods
- \* Purchase FAIR TRADE items!
- \* Buy LOCAL!

### GIVE SERVICES OR EXPERIENCES:

- \* Season tickets to sporting events
- \* Movie or theater tickets
- \* House cleaning



- \* Baby sitting
- \* Gift certificates for favorite restaurants
- \* Gift certificates for car detailing
- \* Museum Membership
- \* Gift certificate for a massage
- \* Donate to his or her favorite charity
- \* Photos in special frames
- \* A hot-air balloon ride !



### HOLIDAY CARDS...

- \* If purchasing cards, always look for post-consumer recycled card stock; printed with nontoxic soy inks.
- \* Send electronic greetings whenever possible
- \* Recycle your old cards into "new" gift tags or tree ornaments

### GIFT WRAP...

If buying gift wrap, please look for wrap made from RECYCLED PAPER

- \* Be Creative !
- Here is a short list "other" wrappings:
- \* Maps
- \* Scarves
- \* Old sheet music
- \* Newspaper / comics
- \* Wallpaper
- \* Fabric...Make reusable gift bags!



### PACKING ALTERNATIVES...

- \* Reuse packing "peanuts" and bubble wrap that came in YOUR gifts.
- \* Take extra packing peanuts to any of our local mailing stores.
- \* Use dry popcorn (and include a note that it can be fed to the birds).

### ENTERTAINING....

- \* Conserve heat ! Remember, a room full of people generates heat.
- \* If you don't have enough china and glassware, consider renting these items instead of expensive, wasteful disposables.
- \* Another use for old holiday cards: Place cards!
- \* Try to plan food wisely for the amount of people that you expect. But if there are leftovers, don't throw them away! Donate to our local food bank, send them home with guests or compost them.

**THINK DONATE INSTEAD OF DISPOSE !**  
Need more space in your pantry? Take canned goods to:

**COMMUNITY FOOD BANK OF NEW JERSEY,  
SOUTHERN BRANCH 383-8843**

Take good, used clothing , small toys and household items to:

**SOUTH SHORE WOMEN'S MINISTRY  
LEEDS POINT SHOPS 652-0025**

A new home for clothing, furniture and larger children's toys can be found at:

**SOUTH SHORE WOMEN'S MINISTRY  
NORTHFIELD 641-3357**

**KATHLEEN'S CLOSET  
MGM MALL EHT 241-7323**

**THE ARC OF ATLANTIC COUNTY THRIFT SHOP  
NORTHFIELD 241-9333**

**GOODWILL  
EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP 569-1112**

**southjersey.craigslist.org  
freecycle.org**

