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Clean Up After Santa Claus Visits!

The Los Angeles Resource Program urges you to give something back this season—recycle all your used boxes and gift-wrap!

These items are recyclable along with regular clean mixed paper recycling. Simply flatten boxes and paper, recyclables curbside next to your yellow bin on your collection day.

Since the 1989 California legislative mandated that all cities and counties reduce their waste stream to landfills 25 by 1995 and 50 by 2000, the L. A. Resource Program has been educating Los Angeles residents about the importance of recycling. L. A. residents exceeded the 1996 goal, reducing landfill waste by 34.

Now, to lower landfill fees and to meet the state mandated 50% goal, the city urges residents to focus on recycling their clean paper products.

Paper makes up nearly half of the waste stream that we pay to send to various landfills each week.

Yet, clean paper, which is any paper that is dry and free of food debris, is recyclable at residents' curbside. Some examples of clean paper include: catalogues, (plastic windows okay!), news-papers, magazines, unwanted mail, cereal and snack food-type boxes, envelopes, colored papers, computer paper, corrugated cardboard, telephone books, and facsimile paper.