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How to Gift Smarter This year?

Some tips on staying green this holiday season



Regifting may not be widely accepted in our society but how many times have you received a gift that you don't need during the holiday season? That gift could be sitting in your closet or drawers for a couple years before you give it to your parents or to the garbage bin. Regifting is good for the planet and for your wallet! You can add meaning to it by explaining why you think that is a perfect gift for your family or friends. Why not

find a friend with whom to break the taboo of regifting this year? Join the #RegiftRevolution!

Buying second-hand is another way to stay green during this holiday season. Rather than going to the malls or shopping on Amazon, why not go to your neighbourhood thrift store or look on Carousell? Your perfect gift does not have to be new. A gift with meaning behind it is better than one without. Meaning does not have to come from the mall or being new. See here for a list of thrift stores in Singapore: <https://zula.sg/thrift-shops-singapore/>

Think about gifting **experiences or social interactions**. We have all experienced a lengthy period of social isolation for the past couple of years. Rather than thinking about material gifts, why not gift away experiences? Send a message to them and have a little get-together. Chatting with them and catching up on how your lives have been can be wonderful gifts this year!

Shop with sustainability in mind does not mean you put kindness and sincerity away. One small step from every one of us can help shift the cultural mindset around regifting and thrifting. Happy Holidays everyone!

Sustainability in the News

- [Cash-for-recycling programme among initiatives under PAP's new green plan for towns](#) (Channel NewsAsia, 4 Dec 2021)
- [All Cheers and FairPrice Xpress stores to charge for plastic bags from 2022](#) (Channel NewsAsia, 12 Nov 2021)
- [Different targets of developed and developing nations may cause hurdles at COP26: Grace Fu](#) (The Straits Times, 27 Oct 2021)
- [Climate education still a 'peripheral topic' in Southeast Asia's syllabus amid calls to make it compulsory](#) (Channel NewsAsia, 26 Sep 2021)
- [Commentary: Reusable containers are not always better for the environment than disposable plastic ones](#) (Channel NewsAsia, 11 Sep 2021)
- [S'pore pledges \\$10m in new funds, making more investments in low-carbon technology](#) (The Straits Times, 23 Oct 2021)

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