Green Gift Giving

• General Tips
  – Buy items with minimal packaging
  – **Invest in durability** - cheaper, less durable items wear out quickly and create waste
  – Shop at **antique** stores, estate sales or flea markets
  – Look for items made with recycled content
  – Find easy to mail gifts that aren’t bulky/fragile
  – Give only **to the children** in your circles
  – **Avoid plastic** toys, **battery**-operated toys
  – **Re-gift** items or **donate** to charity
  – Try to buy local
Green Gift Giving

- Consumable Gifts
  - **Certificates/coupons** for services - professional or not
  - Cooking lessons, babysitting, housecleaning, spa
  - **Donation** to the recipient’s favorite charity
  - Homemade **food** in reusable containers
  - **Tickets** to sporting or cultural events
  - **Membership** to a non-profit org.
  - **Plant a tree** in someone’s honor
Green Gift Giving

- OSU Student?

**cups for a cause**

OSU’s eco-friendly cup

$6.99

refill and save! 99 cent refills on fountain drinks and coffee campuswide*

free drink with purchase

*Caribou Coffee excluded

[Website: dining.okstate.edu]
Green Gift Giving

• Promote Good Stewardship
  – Automatic, programmable thermostat control device
  – **Rechargeable batteries and charging station**
  – Outdoor solar lights, crank powered radio
  – Basket of non-toxic cleaning products
  – Water-saving showerhead
  
  – Reusable travel coffee mug/water bottle
  – Reusable food storage containers
  – **Reusable insulated lunch bag**
  – **Reusable grocery bags**
  – Set of recycling bins
  – Bicycle
  
  – Starter sets: Seeds, gloves, tools or bird feeder, bird seed, binoculars
  – Subscription to National Geographic
Green Gift Giving

• **Wrap it up!**
  
  – Use old maps, calendar photos, Sunday comics, **kids’ artwork**
  – Instead of new boxes - Cereal boxes turned inside out
  – Instead of store-bought bows - Festive items like seasonal cookie cutters, a handmade ornament, or herb sachet
  – Stamp potato stencil **designs on plain paper bags**
  – Make the wrap a part of the gift with reusable containers like baskets, Tupperware, dish towels, bandanas, scarves
  – Afterward - Save gift bags, paper, ribbons, bows, **greeting card covers**
Green Gift Giving

• Things do not make people happy...
  Good experiences do

• Protect nature & be a good steward –
  best gifts ever!
Resources

• Complete Sustainable Event Planning Powerpoint: https://sustainability.okstate.edu/events-links

• Sustainability
  • Website: sustainability.okstate.edu
  • Email: sustainability@okstate.edu

• Utilities and Energy Management
  • Website: energy.okstate.edu
  • Email: energy@okstate.edu

• Follow Us
  • Facebook: facebook.com/osuenergy
  • Twitter/Instagram/Snapchat: OSUgreen