



TBE GREEN TIPS – November 2021

Helping our community members to live more sustainably – for more information on our initiatives or becoming a supporter email us at GreenTeam@templebethelnj.org



Instead of using wrapping paper or gift bags, **wrap holiday gifts in a reusable shopping bag** as a bonus gift!

- Help loved ones prepare for the upcoming ban on single use plastic and paper bags in NJ beginning May 2022 and cut down on paper waste
- ChicoBags made from 100% recycled polyester (from recycled soda bottles) <https://www.amazon.com/ChicoBag-Original-Reusable-Shopping-Grocery/dp/B006WA9LRA>
- Sierra Club reusable bags for a roomy & extremely strong bag that folds up small enough to fit in your pocket <https://store.sierraclub.org/eco-chic-reusable-shopping-bags-p172.aspx>



Give the **gift of time** by gifting an **experience or service** this holiday or check out some great **gift options made from recycled materials**.

- Gift a restaurant gift card (throw in free babysitting for those with young kids!)
- Buy the bookworm in your family a years subscription to Audible (Silver membership ~ \$75 annually)
- Goodfit puzzles made from 100% recycled cardboard (buy 2 puzzles get free shipping!) <https://goodfit.us>
- Suga yoga mat made in the US from recycled wetsuits <https://www.sugamats.com>
- So many more options – Search Sustainable Holiday Gifts or Recycled Gifts for lots of great ideas!



Buy **locally grown produce or meat** from a farm or farmer's market in your area to make your favorite holiday recipes.

- Cut down on carbon emissions from transporting food from other parts of the world – also gives you fresher food options that don't spoil on a long journey to your fridge
- Duke's Farms <https://www.dukefarms.org/classes--events/FarmersMarket/>
- Griggstown Farms <https://griggstownfarm.com/pages/the-store>
- Hillsboro Farm Country Market <https://hillsborofarm.com/>
- Vacchiano Farm <https://www.vacchianofarm.com/product>
- Many more options in central NJ