

Environmental tip of the month. December 2020

Recyclable Christmas paper

Did you know we Brits buy 227,000 miles of wrapping paper per year?

Enough to cover 32 square miles, which is more than the surface area of Plymouth?

We send to landfill 5,000,000 tons of paper annually.

Most Christmas wrapping paper is NOT recyclable because it is dyed and laminated, may contain non-paper additives such as gold and silver colouring, glitter and plastics and has sticky tape attached. It therefore goes to an incinerator.

It takes 6 mature trees to make one ton of paper.

Please think of buying fully recyclable wrapping paper, Jack has some at the village shop, or buying rolls of brown paper, or using fabric to wrap your presents, and reusable string, raffia or ribbon to secure them.

Google “recyclable wrapping paper” for a wide range of eco alternatives.

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