GIFT GIVING FOR A GREEN HOLIDAY

1. Shop locally and save gas…for fewer CO2 emissions!

2. Give stainless steel water bottles to replace buying single use plastic water bottles.

3. Give a programable thermostat.

4. Give a compost pail, compost bin or rain barrel. And offer to help someone start composting!

5. Gift not-new items from antique stores, thrift shops, yard sales, or your own attic rather than buying new.

6. Give gift certificates for activities/events, not stuff.

7. Arrange for a free Energy Audit through MassSave.

8. Give memberships in environmental organizations or donate in someone's name.

9. Give the gift of your time--an IOU to teach someone to knit, groom/walk someone's dog, ride to the airport or doctor's appointment, weed your garden, babysit for an evening out.

10. Put together theme baskets, in endless combinations:

    a. A nearly-new flower arranging book, a new pair of flower scissors, a recycled vase, recycled decorative stones.

    b. Programable thermostat, silk long underwear, draft snake, and fleece shirt.

    c. A nearly-new vegetarian cookbook, one canning jar of a layered bean soup mix, Omnivore's Dilemma.

    d. Free trade coffee and chocolates and organic teas.

    e. Tire pressure gauge and certificates for car washes.

    f. LED flashlight, LED light bulbs, solar garden lights.

    g. Glass storage containers, Brita pitcher, SS water bottle.

    h. Set of glass beer mugs from your attic, 6-pack of local beer, coasters from a favorite pub.

11. Buy a live tree locally to plant outdoors after the holidays. Or, a cut tree from a local lot that the Town can compost.

12. Make your own tree decorations with dried citrus fruit slices, salt dough ornaments in holiday cookie-cutter shapes, strands of cranberries and/or popcorn, and mini wreaths of tiny pinecones/acorns/nuts from your yard. Search online for ideas.