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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY (RICWMA) ENCOURAGES ROCK ISLAND COUNTY CITIZENS TO “THINK GREEN” DURING THIS UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON**

**HOLIDAY RECYCLING GUIDELINES**

Due to Christmas holiday gift giving and the numerous celebrations and special events that occur during this time of the year, consumers will generate a large amount of waste. Much of the waste that is generated has the opportunity to be recycled. Citizens are encouraged to take a closer look at their waste to see if the materials can be disposed of in their city’s curbside recycling program. There are also drop-off sites sponsored by Midland Davis in Moline, the Waste Commission of Scott County, and Republic Services at the Upper Rock Island County Landfill, that serve Rock Island County residents who do not have access to a municipal curbside recycling program.

Please review the example lists of acceptable recycling materials and non-acceptable recycling materials:

Examples of acceptable recycling materials:

- Plain wrapping paper
- Cardboard boxes
- Paper shopping bags
- Paper gift bags
- Greeting cards and envelopes
- Paper reading materials
- Tissue paper

Examples of unacceptable materials and items that are **NOT recyclable**:

- Wrapping paper with metallic foil or glitter
- Styrofoam
- Gift bows and ribbons
- Plastic bags
- Holiday lights (can be recycled through the Waste Commission of Scott County as e-waste)

The Rock Island County Waste Management Agency (RICWMA) asks Rock Island County citizens to “Think Green” during the upcoming holiday season rather than throw away items in the garbage that could otherwise be recycled or reused. Unwanted clothing items and toys can be brought to a donation store. Old electronics and holiday lights can be recycled for free at the Waste Commission of Scott County’s Electronics Recovery Center at 5650 Carey Avenue, Davenport, IA. Plastic bags can be recycled at your local grocery store.

For more information about RICWMA programs or recycling guidelines, residents may contact RICMWA at (309) 788-8925 or visit our website at [www.ricwma.org](http://www.ricwma.org).

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