

## Save the Planet. Save Money. Get Certified



### Gift-Giving Tips to Reduce Your Footprint

1. Give a vintage or antique gift- bought locally!
2. Give a homemade gift- sewn, knit, built... Your thought and creativity will be appreciated.
3. Give an experience instead of an item. Who wouldn't like a pair of movie tickets or a massage certificate this winter?
4. Used gifts from Goodwill or the Mission Thrift Store have kitschy items for all.
5. Make homemade cards & consider not

### ***Being Mindful of the Earth this Holiday Season***

Energy use and consumption skyrocket during the holiday season. Not only does that burden our earth, but it takes a toll on our bank accounts as well. While children generally like new toys with lots of packaging for the holidays, most adults would say it's the thought that counts. Consider some of the gift-giving ideas on the left to help save energy and conserve.

On a deeper level than simply conserving, the holidays and family gatherings can be used to connect with nature in a meaningful way. If your family normally uses a plastic tree, you might consider making an outing out of selecting a living tree from one of the two farms below. The walk around the farm can connect everyone with the beauty of winter & remind us where our trees come from. Don't forget to use LED lights for decoration! Going for a walk outside on the day of your holiday celebration will help connect everyone to the outdoors *and* build appetites. However you decide to celebrate, please do it with the earth in mind! Happy holidays.

## **Bahl Family Farm- Dubuque**

wrapping or using newspaper rather than new rolls of wrapping paper.



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## Country Christmas Tree Farm- East Dubuque



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## Green Drinks.

@ Jubeck New World Brewing  
115 W. 11th Street, Dubuque, IA  
6:30 - 8:00pm

1st Wednesday of every month.

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