Do you love Christmas, but hate waste?

Then why not join our festive reduce, reuse and recycle challenge.

From Saturday, 13 December right up to the big day, we’ve come up with a different suggestion for each day to help you avoid waste and save money by re-using or recycling things that would normally end up in the bin.

1. Saturday, 13 December: Deck the halls – make your own festive decorations.
2. Sunday, 14 December: Get it tagged - make your own gift tags from last year’s Christmas cards.
3. Monday, 15 December: Make a list for your final Christmas food shop – and stick to it!
4. Tuesday, 16 December: Green greetings – consider sending e-Christmas cards, or make a donation to charity instead.
5. Wednesday, 17 December: Buy nothing challenge – try to buy nothing for a day.
6. Thursday, 18 December: Hate waste at Christmas – buy presents with as little packaging as possible.
7. Friday, 19 December: Great gifts, less rubbish – can you make any gifts, or give friends a voucher – maybe offering to cook them a meal or clean their car?
8. Saturday, 20 December: Handbags and gladrags: upcycle or remodel your current wardrobe, so you don’t need to splash out on a new outfit
9. Sunday, 21 December: Still struggling for gift ideas? How about an ‘experience day’, a donation to charity, sponsoring an animal or even a membership to an environmental trust.
10. Monday, 22 December: Don’t forget the batteries – or stock up on rechargeable ones
11. Tuesday, 23 December: Lovely leftovers – start looking for great recipes for your festive leftovers. For some tips visit www.lovefoodhatewaste.com
12. Wednesday, 24 December: It’s a wrap! – decide how you’re going to recycle the packaging when you open your gifts tomorrow. Wrapping paper and cardboard can all be recycled in your grey bin.

When the festivities are over, remember, you can recycle your real Christmas trees between Sunday, 4 January 2015 and Friday, 9 January 2015 at:
- Halewood Park • Stadt Moers Park, Whiston • Millbrook Park Millennium Green, Kirkby • Court Hey Park, Huyton • Holy Family Social Club, Cronton.