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## **Three Post-Christmas Tips from Darien Recycling Center**

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Now that Christmas has come and gone, here are three suggestions from the Darien Recycling Center about what you can do with Christmas packaging material, Amazon delivery boxes and stuff you don't want: Once they've served their initial purpose, you can use them once more.

### **[First:](#)**

"The holidays mean a surge in on-line shopping, and that typically results in an overflow of packaging materials. Cardboard, styrofoam and virtually all other cushioning materials can be recycled in single stream.

"However, a far better option is to reuse these materials in packages shipped out to others!"

### **[Second:](#)**

If you've got extra stuff that you don't need — Christmas decorations, stuff that's been replaced by your new

gifts: You can always drop it off at the Swap Shop at the Darien Recycling Center.

THE SWAP SHOP OPERATES on the premise that one person's trash is another person's treasure, and indeed, incredible items are routinely found there (many thanks to whoever left this beautiful yule log!). Bring your unwanted books, toys, sports equipment, furniture and other household goods - and while you're there, have a look around!

*Third:*

"A great way to reuse Amazon's cardboard boxes AND give new life to items you no longer want!"

The Facebook post then included this video, which had been posted by News 104.5 WOKV of Jacksonville, FL.:

Here's [more information](#) from Amazon about the program:

Amazon and Goodwill® are working together to make donating easier for you. Using the Give Back Box® platform, a free shipping service, you can donate items you no longer need to Goodwill with ease *and* bring new life to your empty Amazon box.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3:

1. **Open Your Box:** Unpack your merchandise from your Amazon shipping box.

2. **Pack Your Box:** Fill the box with clothing, accessories and household goods you no longer need and print your free shipping label from [GiveBackBox.com](http://GiveBackBox.com).
3. **Send Your Box:** Let UPS or the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) deliver your box of donations to Goodwill for you.

Donations go directly to your nearest participating Goodwill organization using a free shipping label and empty Amazon (or other) box. Goodwill sells the donated goods, and the revenues help support employment placement, job training and other community-based services to create strong families and communities.

When you donate to Goodwill through Give Back Box, you enable Goodwill to help people find work, strengthen their families, and enrich the local community.

Go directly to [GiveBackBox.com](http://GiveBackBox.com).

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— *Darien Recycling Center/Transfer Station/Town Dump* **[is CLOSED on Monday](#)**. *It resumes normal hours (7 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.) starting Tuesday.*