

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

WATER UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Zero Waste Gift Guide

The holiday season is almost here and it's time to begin thinking about gifts for our loved ones. When making your shopping list this year, consider the raw materials that go into the production of the items and packaging you purchase such as oil, trees and minerals in addition to the greenhouse gas emissions produced just to get all of these items in the stores or delivered to your door. Put our environment on your list of loved ones this year and select gifts that reduce overall impact to the environment throughout the year. Below are a few ideas to get you started.

Reusable Straws and Silverware



It is estimated that approximately 5 million straws and 40 billion plastic utensils are used in the US each and every day! Unfortunately, these materials are not recyclable in most communities and end up

in our waterways and oceans. The good news? Reusable straws and travel silverware, made in a variety of materials are gaining popularity and make a great sustainable gift that keeps on giving.

Herb garden planted in a reused container

Shop one of the many reuse and thrift stores in Oceanside to find a unique container that can be turned into a beautiful herb garden for your favorite cook's kitchen. They will think of you every time they take in the glorious herbal fragrance and be inspired to create wonderful meals that perhaps they will share!



Perpetual Calendar

Instead of a calendar that will only last one year and then be obsolete, why not create a calendar that will last a lifetime. With interchangeable Month, Days of the Week and Numbers you can create a calendar that will be a treasured work of art.

Fruit and Veggie basket from your garden

For your foodie friends or your friends that may need a healthy kick in the pants, give a basket of fresh produce you have lovingly grown in your own backyard. Perhaps this will inspire the creation of their own backyard garden.



Gift Certificate for a Home Delivered Meal

Do you know people who are very busy and never have time to cook? Give a gift of your services to prepare and deliver a home cooked meal on a night of their choosing! They can get in their jammies, relax and enjoy a wonderful meal that will be much appreciated. Go one step further and use veggies from your own garden or shop the Oceanside Farmers Market or local farm for fresh produce, pasta, bread and more! Include some locally grown flowers for a full experience.

No time for DIY projects?

Shop local sustainable businesses that are members of the [Green Oceanside Business Network](#). Shopping locally supports Oceanside's economy and reduces your environmental impact. You can find a list of Green Oceanside Business Network Members on the FREE Green Oceanside Mobile APP. For more information visit greenoceanside.org.



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