



SOCIALLY DISTANT HOLIDAY HELP

2020 is coming to a close, and the holidays may be looking a little different this year! Staying socially distant doesn't mean you have to distance yourself from holiday fun. Stay local and check out safe holiday festivities in Contra Costa County – you may find a new favorite holiday tradition.

1. Take Your Own Christmas Light Tour

Looking for holiday cheer? Find the best holiday light displays in your town with [CaliforniaChristmasLights.com](https://www.californiachristmaslights.com) and make some hot cocoa for the road. Take in some festive light displays from the comfort and warmth of your car or bundle up for a walk to be eco-friendly! If you want to make your house an environmentally-friendly light show this year, try LED or solar-powered lights. Not only are they better for the environment, but your energy bills will be reduced too – it makes cents to switch! Find out where to dispose of your old lights at www.recyclewhere.org.

2. Eco-Friendly Holiday Gifts

Let's celebrate this holiday season with gifts that support a bigger cause and give back in a positive way. Consider donating to a local cause in someone's name or gifting them a sustainable item they'll cherish forever – beautiful Bolga Baskets are perfect for toting home farmer's market goodies, or send soft and sustainable bamboo sheets to snuggle up in at the end of the day. Or, make your own meaningful gifts like [stovetop potpourri](#), [bath bombs](#), or [snow globes](#)! Wrap gifts with tea towels as an eco-friendly alternative to wrapping paper – friends and family can use the towels around their home instead of trashing them.

3. Shop Local

Many cities in Contra Costa County are hosting FREE holiday marketplaces with necessary COVID-19 precautions in place. Support the local downtown shops, or check out [Concord](#) and [Pleasant Hill's](#) marketplaces on December 5-6th for a special holiday shopping experience!

4. Go Back in Time and Head to the Drive-in!

Pack the whole family in the car for a memorable holiday movie showing. With drive-in double features every night, [Concord's West Wind Drive-In](#) is serving retro cheer along with their popcorn. Wear your favorite ugly sweater and grab some holiday cookies to snack on while you watch!

2020 has been a crazy year, but that doesn't mean it has to end that way. Stay local and safe as you prepare for the holidays and show the environment that you care with eco-friendly décor and holiday gifts. For more ways to protect our environment and local waters any time of year, visit www.cccleanwater.org. We hope you're able to build some new traditions with the family and enjoy a happy and healthy 2021!