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AVOID THE CHRISTMAS TREE DILEMMA AND GET A **LIVE POTTED CHRISTMAS TREE** FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON.

CORK POT GROWN CHRISTMAS TREES IS A BUSINESS THAT LET'S YOU RENT OR BUY A REAL CHRISTMAS TREE IN POTS.



ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS WATER YOUR TREE AND RETURN IT IN JANUARY.

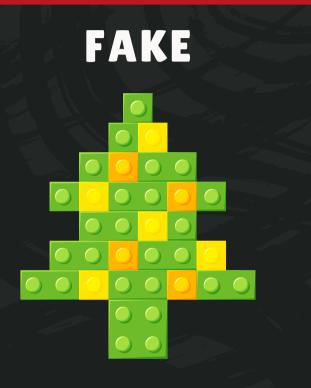
YOU CAN EVEN RENT THE **EXACT SAME** CHRISTMAS TREE NEXT YEAR.

THIS OPTION IS MORE SUSTAINABLE THAN PURHASING A FAKE TREE OR CUTTING DOWN A REAL CHRISTMAS TREE.

SUSTAINABILITY & CHRISTMAS TREES

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- THE PRODUCTION OF A 2M FAKE TREE PRODUCES ABOUT FORTY KG OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.
- THEY ARE DERIVED FROM FOSSIL FUELS.
- THEY TAKE YEARS TO BREAKDOWN WHEN SENT TO LANDFILL.
- THEY ARE HIGHLY ENERGY INTENSIVE.
- BUT THEY CAN BE REUSED.



- A REAL TREE SENT TO LANDFILL HAS A CARBON FOOTPRINT OF ABOUT SIXTEEN KG.
- MOST CHRISTMAS TREES ARE GROWN AS HORTICULTURE CROPS SO THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT CONTRIBUTING TO DEFORESTATION.
- PESTICIDES ARE OFTEN USED ON THESE TREES, WHICH ARE HARMFUL TO OUR BIODIVERSITY AND WEAKENS OUR ECOSYSTEMS.

APPROXIMATELY 227,000 MILES OF WRAPPING PAPER ARE USED IN THE UK EACH YEAR.



#2 DITCH WRAPPING PAPER



Roughly 50,000 trees are cut down to produce enough wrapping paper to meet consumer demands.



Wrapping paper is single-use plus the use of sellotape, plastic ribbons, and glitter means that it often can't be recycled so it just ends up in landfill.



WHY NOT TRY:

- Re-using gift bags and boxes.
- Wrapping gifts in fabric.
- Using brown paper or old newspapers to wrap gifts.





#3 GIFT EXPERIENCES OVER PHYSICAL PRESENTS THIS CHRISTMAS

- CINEMA PASSES
- RESTAURANT VOUCHERS
 WINE/WHISKEY TASTING
- A WEEKEND AWAY
- SPA VOUCHERS
- CONCERT TICKETS
- ART CLASSES

- COOKING CLASSES
- KAYAKING
 - **BOWLING**
 - AIRBNB GIFT CARD
 - TICKETS TO A SPORTING EVENT



#4 MINIMISE FOOD WASTE

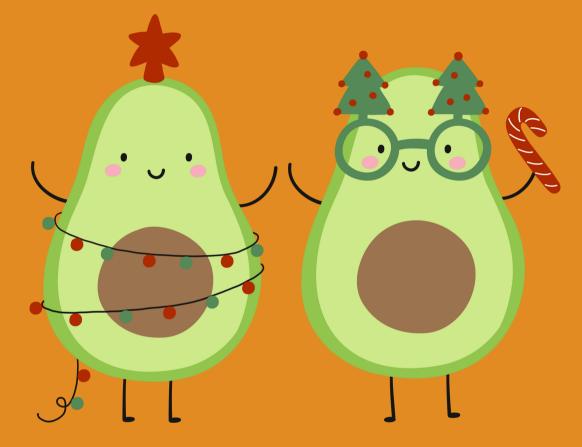
USE YOUR LEFTOVERS IN NEW RECIPES PLAN OUT YOUR CHRISTMAS MENU & STICK TO IT FREEZE FOOD YOU WON'T EAT ONLY COOK

WHAT YOU NEED

SHARE WHAT YOU MAKE WITH NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

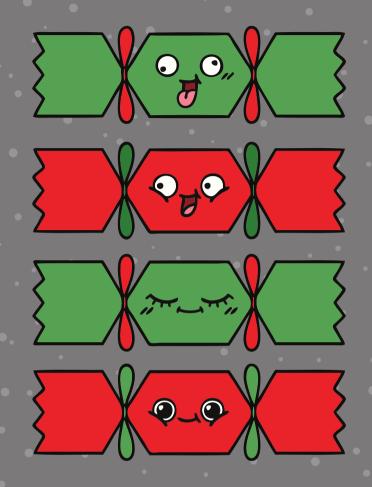
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#5 OPT FOR A PLANT-BASED CHRISTMAS DINNER



A traditional Christmas dinner with turkey has more than double the carbon emissions compared to a vegan nut roast.

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#6 SKIP CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

REDUCE YOUR PLASTIC CONSUMPTION AND SAY NO TO CHRISTMAS CRACKERS THIS YEAR.





#7 ENJOY OUR GREEN SPACES

THERE ARE COUNTLESS HEALTH BENEFITS OF GREEN SPACES SO MAKE SURE TO GET OUT IN NATURE OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.



#8 REGISTER TO VOTE

WITHOUT POLITICAL ACTION, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE. MAKE SURE YOU'RE REGISTERED TO VOTE AND SUPPORT THOSE WHO ARE PUSHING FOR CLIMATE ACTION.



#9 BE ENERGY SMART!

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OPTING FOR LED LIGHT BULBS (WHICH ARE MORE ENRGY EFFICIENT) AND HAVING TIMERS ON YOUR LIGHTS WILL CUT DOWN YOUR ELECTRICITY BILL AND YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT.

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#10 REDUCE REUSE REWEAR

REWEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER FROM LAST YEAR, SWAP JUMPERS WITH FRIENDS & TRY TO USE THE CLOTHES YOU ALREADY HAVE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON.





#11 GET CRAFTY WITH YOUR DECORATIONS

INSTEAD OF BUYING NEW DECORATIONS, TRY YOUR HAND AT UPCYCLING OLD DECORATIONS YOU ALREADY HAVE AT HOME OR CRAFTING YOUR VERY OWN ORNAMENTS FROM SCRATCH!









#12 BUY LOCAL

WHEN DOING YOUR FOOD SHOP, BE AWARE OF WHERE YOUR FOOD IS COMING FROM. OPT FOR FOOD THAT IS LOCALLY GROWN & PRODUCED TO REDUCE FOOD MILES.

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EATING WITH THE SEASONS WILL MAKE YOUR FOOD SHOP A LOT MORE SUSTAINABLE WHILE SUPPORTING LOCAL GROWERS AND YOUR LOCAL ECONOMY.



The power of individual sustainable actions should not be understated.

However, if we want to avoid the worst impacts of climate change, we need change on all levels.

Lobby your politicians to take immediate and radical action to combat the ongoing climate crisis.

SYSTEM CHANGE NOT CLIMATE CHANGE







