SEASON'S MUST-HAVES









That's a Wrap

t seems a little silly to cut down trees for the sake of manufacturing gift wrap that will be torn off in a matter of seconds. Luckily, there's a local company—aptly named Tree-Free—making snazzy gift bags from recycled paper and sustainable sources such as reclaimed sugarcane fiber and kenaf. The company also offers eco-friendly holiday cards and wine bags (perfect for presenting your favorite organic vintages). In addition to saving trees, Tree-Free paper products require less energy to produce, and they reduce air and water pollution. So your thoughtfully wrapped gift gives something back to the planet, too.

-Christie Matheson

TREE-FREE GREETINGS /// West Swanzey, NH. 866-873-3373; treefree.com





THE BEST 5: ECO SHOPS

Yankee contributor Christie Matheson, author of Green Chic: Saving the Earth in Style (Sourcebooks, 2008; \$12.95), goes shopping for great "green" goods. For 15 more eco-friendly shops, go to: YankeeMagazine.com/10Things

THE CLEAN BEDROOM KITTERY, ME

For the room where we spend the most time— and benefit most from a pure environment—find organic mattresses, sheets, and pillows, plus nontoxic bedroom furniture and air filters.

Dan's Crossing,

5 Shapleigh Road, Kittery,
ME. 866-380-5892:

thecleanbedroom.com

THE GREEN EGG

MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA, MA

Every goodie in this friendly shop, with stuff for tykes, women, and home, is seriously stylish (no easy feat in the world of sustainable products), thanks to owner Tracey Davidow's fabulous taste.

19 Central St.,

Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA. 978-525-3445; thegreeneggshop.com

GREENWARD

CAMBRIDGE, MA

Everything here, from safe and snazzy reusable water bottles and bamboo bowls to sleek composters and killer bike accessories, encourages customers to think green at home and on the go. 1764 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA. 617-395-1338; greenwardshop.com

THE CENTER FOR GREEN BUILDING BRIDGEPORT, CT

Even eco-skeptics can appreciate pragmatic green home products—air purifiers, caulk, slate roofing, energy-efficient lighting—and the local events this award-winning store sponsors.

3380 Fairfield Ave.,
Bridgeport, CT.
203-382-0774;
centerforgreenbuilding.com

YOUR HOME YOUR WORLD CONCORD, NH

It's easy being green when there's a home and design resource like this for well-priced, environmentally sound paints, countertops, flooring, cabinets, rugs, and recycled glass tiles.

138 North Main St.,
Concord, NH.
603-223-9867;
yourhomeyourworld.com