



"Good gifts" for the holidays

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Perhaps some of you have been thinking about alternatives to standard holiday gifts this year. All of that plastic, all of those miles driving to the mall—it all wastes just a little more of our depleting oil supply. This year, you may want to consider "good gifts": gifts that help out the world on behalf of the recipient.

Below the fold, I've listed some suggestions that you might find interesting. In keeping with the TOD mission, I've tried to highlight some gifts that are most relevant to energy issues. Also, help us improve our list by leaving some other ideas in the comments. (I'm sorry the list is somewhat US-centric, so we welcome suggestions appropriate to other countries.)

Obviously, this list is not exhaustive. It's just meant to get you started. As always, before you get started, you should always check out a charity at a site like [Charity Navigator](#) or [GuideStar](#).

One Stop Shopping for "Good Gifts"

[Alternative Gifts International](#)

[Good Gifts](#) (UK based)

Combat global warming

Carbon credits: [Terrapass](#), [Carbon Fund](#), [Sustainable Travel International](#), [CarbonNeutral Company](#), [Native Energy](#).

Acre of rainforest: [World Land Trust](#), [Nature Conservancy](#)

Sustainable Development

[Forum for the Future](#) (UK)

[Foundation for Sustainable Development](#)

[East Meets West Foundation](#)

Environmental groups (with some focus on energy issues)

[Sierra Club](#) (Give someone a membership!)

[Natural Resources Defense Council](#)

Sustainable livestock, agriculture, organic food

[Heifer International](#)

[Local Harvest](#)

[Farm Aid](#)

[Seeds of Change](#)

[Soil Association](#)

[Shop Natural](#)

Energy efficient gifts

[Ecomall's](#) energy efficient gift ideas

[Co-op America's](#) solar gift ideas

[Natural Resouces Canada's](#) energy efficient gift ideas

[Ecotopia's](#) energy products (UK)

[New Zealand Nature Company's](#) solar gifts

[American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy](#)

Eco and Recycled gifts (When it's more appropriate to put something in a loved one's hand)

[Treehugger gift guide](#)

Recycled gifts at [Canvas to Clay](#)

[Resource Revival](#)

[Reusable Bags](#)

[Eco-Artware](#)

[Tiffany Tomato](#)

[EcoKitchen](#)

[Unpetroleum](#) body care



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