

Give green. Shop local.

Grow our economy. Shrink our footprint.



This list was compiled by members of the Davis Climate Action Team and concerned citizens who want to live more responsibly. We have created a list of suggestions for a greener holiday celebration. The following ideas are just to get you started. Get two for one this holiday season. Give a gift to your loved ones that's also a gift to the planet.

Shop local.

What a relief not to face traffic and crowds in unfamiliar shopping malls. Limit yourself to friendly Davis and Yolo County for your gift shopping this year. Reduce stress, lower your carbon footprint and help the local economy.

Give a gift from downtown Davis: www.DavisDowntown.com

Give a gift from Yolo County: www.yolocvb.org/

Re-gift from All Things Right and Relevant: www.rrconsignments.org

Find local resources at DavisWiki: www.daviswiki.org

Find local businesses at Davis Chamber of Commerce: <http://www.davischamber.com/>

Give the gift of sustainable living.

Many folks appreciate a practical gift that also helps Mother Earth. Why not go the next step—shop locally and buy products that save energy and promote healthy living?

Energy Efficiency.

- Give the gift of a light bulb – LED bulbs (save up to 77% of energy)
- Give a gift of LED holiday lights with timers (*save up to 25% in electricity costs*)
- Give a gift of Smart[®] power strips (*Reducing “phantom load” saves 10% or more of home electricity consumption*)
- Give a torchiere light (*can now be purchased with CFL bulbs*)
- Give a gift of occupancy sensors (*sensor turns on light with motion and turns light off after set number of minutes*)
- Give a book on energy efficiency
- Give a cell-phone solar charger
- Give a solar cooker <http://www.solarcookers.org/>
- Give green cleaning products
- Give a clothesline with clothes pins or a drying rack
- Give the gift of a cooler home and/or save water by planting a tree, building a trellis, growing drought-tolerant plants, or installing awnings
- Give an electric, push or reel lawn mower: <http://www.jbspower.com/about.htm>
- Give a gift of duct sealing or insulation
- Give a gift of natural light with installation of a solar tubular skylight (<http://www.solatube.com/>;
[http://www.getsolarise.com/gallery1.htm?qclid=CLv--dvZjZ4CFRQpawodEFbptg](http://www.getsolarise.com/gallery1.htm?qclid=CLv--dvZjZ4CFRQpawodEFbptg;);
<http://www.solutionsforlighting.com/certifications/california-pier/>
- Give a gift of a composter, rain barrel or worm bin
- Or if you want to give a bigger ticket item, energy efficient water heaters, windows, solar thermal, solar photovoltaic, whole house fan, energy star appliances, computers and tvs (*Check for rebates at www.pge.com/rebates/*)

To get more ideas from the City of Davis/ Valley Climate Action Center 2009 Energy Efficiency Forum: experts from UC Davis, Davis Energy Group, Verve Solar and the City of Davis identify energy efficiency actions you can take at home.

<http://eec1.ucdavis.edu/news/Cooling%20the%20Earth%20-%20Summary.pdf>

Transportation

- Give a gift of a bus pass
- Give a bicycle or bicycle equipment
- Give a bike tune up
- Give a gift of walking shoes
- Give bicycle panniers and shopping bags
- Give a membership to Zipcar
- Or if you are looking for a bigger ticket item, give the gift of an all electric vehicle or hybrid vehicle

Give locally grown and locally made products.

You'll find fresh and unique gifts while you save time and fuel when you purchase from local vendors. Don't miss out on these special products. Add your own to the list below.

Give a gift from a local seller at the Davis Farmer's Market: www.davisfarmersmarket.org

Give a work of art from the Artery: <http://theartery.net/>

Give a subscription to Community Supported Agriculture:

<http://www.atasteofyolo.com/yolo-farms/yolo-countys-community-supported-agriculture-csa.html>

Give olive oil or wine from Yolo County: <http://www.atasteofyolo.com/olive-oils/yolo-county-olive-oils.html>

Give a membership to Slow Food Yolo: <http://www.slowfoodyolo.com/>

Give a gift from the Davis Art Center Holiday Sale: www.davisartcenter.org/

Give a local experience.

We all get too busy with our lives, but the gifts below help us slow down and enjoy quality time together. The hardest part will be deciding which activity to give—this list is just the beginning of many local possibilities.

Give a membership to a museum (see Hattie Weber museum or Explorit Science Center:

<http://www.explorit.org/join>)

Give the gift of a class (such as at the Davis Art Center: www.davisartcenter.org/classes.html, Experimental College: <http://asucd.ucdavis.edu/experimentalcollege>, Yolo Master Gardeners <http://ceyolo.ucdavis.edu/>

Give a play at Davis Musical Theatre Company: <http://www.dmtc.org/>

Give the arts from UC Davis Theatre and Dance: <http://theatredance.ucdavis.edu>

Give a concert from the UC Davis Music Department: <http://music.ucdavis.edu/events>

Give a performance from the Mondavi Center: <http://www.mondaviarts.org/>

Give a ticket to Acme Theatre Company: <http://www.acmetheatre.net/>

Give the gift of a movie ticket at a local theatre

Give an adventure at Outdoor Adventures: <http://campusrecreation.ucdavis.edu/cms/>

Give a class at the UC Davis Craft Center: <http://campusrecreation.ucdavis.edu/cms/>

Give a climb at Rocknasion: <http://www.rocknasion.com/>

Give a tee time at a local golf course: www.davisgolfcourse.com ; www.wildhorsegolfclub.com

Give a ticket to the Chamber Music Society of Sacramento - Davis concert series: www.cmssacto.org

Give yoga, dance or fitness lessons

Give a cooking class: <http://www.davisfood.coop/classes.html>

Give a spa, beauty treatment or massage

Give a meal at a local restaurant: www.DavisDowntown.com ; www.yolocvb.org ; www.daviswiki.org

Give a Tuleyome or Stebbins outing: <http://yolohiker.org/>

Give a bird watching walk: <http://www.yoloaudubon.org/>

Give a ticket to a film festival

Give a gift of a visit to a gallery or a museum

Give a gift of sports camps

Support a local non-profit. *Many folks don't want any more "things" to clutter their homes, so a gift that helps others is perfect. Match your gift to the interests of the recipient. This list provides a start.*

For a list of Yolo County non-profits, see: <http://web-iii.yolocounty.org:81/>

Give to a local treasure at the UC Davis Arboretum: http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/join_the_friends.aspx

Give to families in need at STEAC: <http://steac.org/>

Give to those in need at Yolo Food Bank: <http://www.foodbankyc.org/>

Give to global understanding at the International House: <http://www.internationalhousedavis.org/>

Give to the wildlife refuge at Yolo Basin Foundation: <http://www.yolobasin.org/>

Give to a healthy creek at the Putah Creek Council: <http://www.putahcreekcouncil.org/>

Give to protecting the wild heritage of Yolo County: www.tuleyome.org/

Give a gift to Davis Schools: <http://www.davisschoolsfoundation.org/support/donate/how-to-give/>

Give a gift to help women and children: www.sadvc.org/

Give a gift of health: www.communicarehc.org/

Give a handmade or recycled gift.

Nothing is more touching than something made especially for you by hand. Challenge yourself to use local and recycled materials in your crafts. There's no end to what you can create.

Give a gift of a food basket

Give a gift of homemade food including mixes, bread, jams and meal coupons

Give a gift of dress up clothes from the thrift store

Give a gift of handmade jewelry

Give a gift of homemade craft items (candles, holiday cards, quilts, wreaths)

Give a gift of coupons (babysitting, gardening, making dinner)

Give a gift of a homemade book of memories, family history, or an original story

Give a gift of recorded bedtime stories

Give a gift of music

Give a gift from a thrift store

Give a book from the library book sale

Give a gift of cloth bags for vegetables at the grocery and in the refrigerator

Give a gift of homemade wrapping papers and gift bags

Happy Holidays! Happy Planet!