



# 'TIS THE SEASON FOR SUSTAINABILITY, TRANSPORTATION, & DEI IMPACTS

## Did you know:

Americans produce [25% more waste](#) during the holidays, which ends up in [landfills](#) and produces methane, a greenhouse gas that's 25 times more impactful than carbon dioxide.

Where and how gifts are produced, packaged, and transported have social justice and emissions implications, as shown in this nationwide [PNAS](#) study that found that Black Americans experience 56% more pollution than they generate, Latinx Americans experience 63% more pollution than they generate, and white Americans experience 17% less pollution than they generate.

## Please consider:

**Sharing the trip:** Headed to the same center of worship or event? Try carpooling, bicycling, taking public transit, or walking together to reduce emissions and foster a sense of community.

**Charitable gifts:** Donate to a charity the recipient cares about in their name.

**Homemade gifts:** Baked goods and other hand-crafted presents are more sustainable.

**Gift experiences:** Create a memory by gifting a cooking class, museum tickets, or ziplining.

**Eco-friendly gifts:** Transit passes, upcycled jewelry or clothing; reusable water bottles, coffee mugs, and cutlery sets; or solar powered devices and chargers all support sustainability.

**Wrap sustainably:** Save money and the environment by transforming paper bags or cloth into wrapping and style with twine or plants to reduce emissions from consumption and waste.

