

Celebrate Diwali in Eco-Friendly Way

Diwali, the festival of lights, is a celebration that marks the victory of good over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance. Diwali is celebrated across all communities of India, creating a homogenous environment of goodwill and happiness.



It is a time for both gratitude and gaiety. Avoid crackers this Diwali, spend the evening with music, dance, games, and dinner.

1. Organise and Celebrate in Community/Society

Community celebrations give more pleasure than individual celebrations. Gated communities in the city should come forward to enjoy the festival without causing damage to the environment. It does not cost the society much to organise this celebration.

2. Limit Your Celebration

Fix the time of Celebration say from 10 PM till midnight. Care for new born babies, toddlers and senior citizens. They are at high risk of health hazards linked to excessive noise and air pollution. Diwali is the time to seek blessings from the elderly and show affection to babies.



3. Eco-Friendly Decorations

Use organic colours and real flowers and leaves for Rangoli instead of plastic flowers. Decorate home with some bright and colourful duppattas and sarees instead of plastic ribbon. Use organic incense sticks and fresh flowers. Do away with the synthetic room fresheners.



4. Cut down on crackers with other fun options

Buy only eco-friendly crackers instead of chemical crackers. Eco-friendly crackers are made up of recycled paper. The sound produced by these crackers is as per the defined limits of the Pollution Board.



5. Earthen Lamps

Decorate home with “earthen lamps or diyas” instead of electrical/Chinese diyas. Earthen lamps need oil for illumination, but the pollution is negligible. This season supports the spread of bacteria and insects which are not good for health. The fire of diya and the chemicals it releases in air kill the germs. It also cuts down the electricity bill. The beauty of the house also gets enhanced by these lamps/diyas.



6. Buy Less

Discourage yourself to buy things which are not required. Do not clutter your home. It leads to consumption of raw material used in the products. The natural resources will lead to the extinction.

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WELL**

7. Eco-Friendly Traditions

Use bio-degradable plate/banana leaves to serve the guests. This way you can add a traditional touch to this festive season. Mud glasses can be used instead of glass and plastic to add ethnic feeling. Shop for your festive needs of your nearby local shop rather than the online store. It will support the local economy.



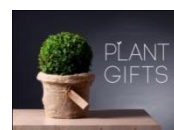
8. Go Organic this Diwali

Gift organic products to your near and dear ones. You can gift organic items like soaps and creams, tea, coffee, spices, gourmet ice creams, bags, jewelry, decorative items, paintings, handicraft items, etc. It also expresses your love and care for the environment. Distribute sweets or any other food in reusable containers or paper bags. Avoid Plastics to make your neighborhood litter free.



9. Gift Plants

Better to gift plants. There are a number of ornamental plants available in the market. Good for you and environment.



10. Use of Handmade wrapping paper

Wrap the gifts with handmade/newspapers. Wrapping the gifts with colorful cloth or jute will give ethnic look.



11. Donate Things

Separate things like toys, household items, and clothes which are not required. Better to donate to an orphanage or nearby jhuppar Patti to make their Diwali joyful.



12. Organise Eco-Friendly events

Organise community competitions involving senior citizens, adults, and children like Rangoli, Flower arrangement, Sweet-making, Paper lantern for the kids. Organise music programmes, puppet shows, talent shows and other cultural events. Throw a dance party involves all. Play a music system to create fun like fire crackers. It will give more pleasure and save money.

