

# In November

## TASK OF THE MONTH

### Plan greener giving

#### Some gift ideas include:

- ❖ Deliver a homemade meal or baked goods.
- ❖ Give theater tickets.
- ❖ Offer to babysit so parents can have a night out alone.
- ❖ Give family memberships to local museums.
- ❖ Give things you know people need and will use.
- ❖ Shop for slightly-used items on sites like Facebook Marketplace.
- ❖ Give a donation to a worthy cause in their name.

#### To wrap your gifts use:

- ✓ Colorful newspaper pages.
- ✓ Wrapping paper, ribbon and bows from previous years.
- ✓ Handmade bags from leftover fabric. Make them with handles to be used for shopping!

When you shop, bring cloth bags and reusable produce bags, and wash and reuse any plastic bags you get.



### Buy used (and donate!)

- ❖ Healing Hands (free to low-income households).
- ❖ Opportunity House.
- ❖ My Sister's Closet.
- ❖ Habitat for Humanity Restore.
- ❖ Bloomington Thrift Shop.
- ❖ St Vincent de Paul (which will pick up furniture and mattresses)
- ❖ Salvation Army or Goodwill.
- ❖ Monroe County Public Library Book Sale.
- ❖ UUCB's Holiday Bazaar!

Did you know that what we consume accounts for 16% of the average American's energy use?!

If we buy less stuff, we simplify our lives, save money and lower our carbon footprint.

Watch the film *The Story of Stuff* along with a clothing swap

or a vegetarian pitch-in dinner!



<https://storyofstuff.org/movies/story-of-stuff/>



## Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change

