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Green Gift Ideas for an Eco-Friendly Father's Day

A baker's dozen of the top gifts for Dad

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Wave so long to the other dreary Father's Day gift ideas. Forget the boring tie. Say goodbye to that lackluster screwdriver. Instead, turn tedium into excitement this year with the best green gifts your Dad is sure to enjoy far more.

Express Your Appreciation with Unique Green Father's Day Gifts

Truly individualized yet sustainable Father's Day gifts that tell your Dad you love him start here with our eco-friendly Father's Day ideas:

1. Give him a fair trade, vegan soccer ball, football, volleyball, softball, or baseball he can use to play with his grandkids
2. Offer to build him a compost system or install a rain barrel for a greener backyard gardening hobby
3. Get him outdoors with a membership to the National Park system and a reusable water bottle and plan a hike you can do together
4. Choose from a variety of organic beers, wines, or spirits or offer to buy him a kit to make some together
5. Give him an eco-friendly golf bag and a gift card for you play a round together
6. Green his saving routine with natural, organic creams and a traditional razor and brush
7. Buy fair trade, upcycled cuff links or a recycled-materials wallet
8. Inspire exercise and a low-carbon commute by giving him an electric bicycle or a GPS device

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9. Buy an organic cotton hat or golf shirt with the logo of his favorite team and tickets to attend a game together
10. Elevate his grilling system with organic spices and eco tools
11. Make work greener with a solar-powered laptop bag for his electronic devices
12. Create a green car wash kit and offer to do the first round of cleaning for him
13. Get him a fair trade chess, dominos, or crib set made of sustainable wood

Green-Up Your Own Father's Day Gifts with this Eco-Checklist

If you've got creative Father's Day ideas of your own, apply this green gift checklist to make sure they're sustainable as well as thoughtful:

Upcycled and recycled content: Made from repurposed natural resources.

Recyclable construction: Materials that can be disassembled and recycled.

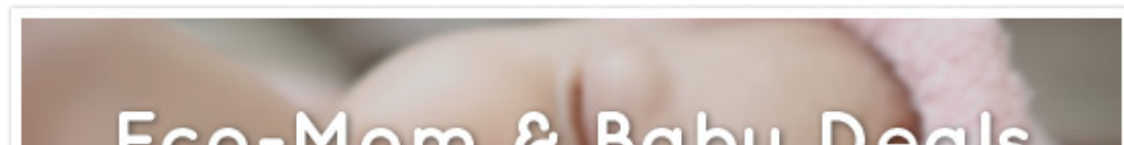
Biodegradable: Products that can be put in your backyard compost bin.

Organic and nontoxic: Components that are manufactured without harmful chemicals.

Low-energy and low-water: Gifts manufactured with net-zero energy and water, and/or that consume little to no energy or water during use.

Minimal packaging: Shipped and sold in as little excess plastic and cardboard as possible.

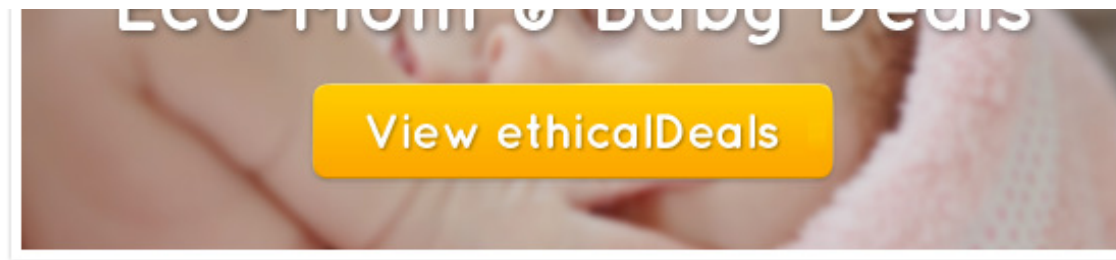
Socially beneficial: Made by companies that give back through buy-one-give-one programs, donations, or projects like tree planting.



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