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Celebrate America Recycles Day by Recycling Your Holiday Lights

DENVER, CO – Starting on America Recycles Day, November 15th, Denver Recycles will collect and recycle broken, burned-out or impossibly tangled sets of holiday lights. The **“Recycle Your Holiday Lights”** program will accept incandescent, LED, and “icicle” light strings, along with wires and attached bulbs for recycling. No bubble (liquid-filled) or neon lights, and all packaging material and bags must be removed from the light strands prior to recycling.

Denver residents can drop off lights for recycling from **November 15, 2017 to January 15, 2018** at the Cherry Creek Recycling Drop-off which is located near the intersection of S. Quebec St. and E. Cherry Creek South Drive (enter going south on Cherry Creek Drive South and follow the signs). The Cherry Creek Recycling Drop-off hours are Tuesdays - Fridays 10 AM to 5 PM, and Saturdays 9 AM to 3 PM. The Drop-off is closed on Sundays, Mondays and on City holidays.

Holiday lights cannot be recycled in purple carts or other regular single-stream recycling programs, but they do contain materials such as copper, brass, and plastic, that when processed appropriately can be recycled into new products (possibly even new strands of holiday lights!). By phasing out old strands of incandescent bulbs and transitioning to energy efficient LED holiday lights, residents can also save on lighting costs for years to come.

America Recycles Day, a program of Keep America Beautiful, is a nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States on November 15th each year.

For more information on “Recycle Your Holiday Lights” contact Denver Recycles at **311** (720-913-1311) or visit DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles. For more resources on saving energy and improving your home’s comfort this winter season visit DenverEnergy.org.

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