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## **Holiday Light Recycling Offered in Dunn County**

The Dunn County Solid Waste Division will once again be recycling holiday lights this season. From November 15<sup>th</sup> to the end of January, residents will be able to recycle their old and unwanted strands of lights, operational or not. This is the fourth year the county has offered this service.

Strands of lights may be brought to the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center in Menomonie, the City of Menomonie Drop-Off Site or any Area Collection Station. Once again, this program is being offered as part of the Recycle Your Holidays program in connection with the Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM). There are no fees for the recycling of holiday lights. During last year's collection, 350 pounds of holiday lights from Dunn County were collected and recycled, keeping valuable materials out of landfills.

RAM's holiday light recycling program employs over 200 individuals with disabilities at vocational centers throughout the state of Minnesota. Every part of the light strand is dismantled by vocational center clients and properly recycled. The program is promoted in partnership with WCCO, Ace Hardware stores and many other partners.

For more information about this program contact Dunn County's Recycling Specialist, Amanda Haffele, at 715-232-4017.

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Caption: Dunn County Solid Waste is offering holiday light recycling once again this year. Multiple locations throughout the county will accept such lights from mid November through the end of January.