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Holiday Light Recycling Drive

CARMEL, IN – What will you do with your old holiday lights this season? The Carmel Clay Schools Green Teams, along with Carmel Utilities, Tech Recyclers and White's Ace Hardware are working together to offer a Holiday Light Recycling Drive for Carmel residents.

Beginning November 24 and continuing through January 11, residents will have the ability to recycle used holiday lights at White's Ace Hardware at 731 South Range Line Road. In addition, the Carmel Clay Schools Green Teams will be offering recycling at the individual schools from November 27 through January 11.

This is the sixth year for this program. More than four tons of holiday lights have been recycled. Recycling inoperable or inefficient holiday lights keeps those items out of landfills which reduces the long-term carbon impact on our environment.

Carmel Utilities also urges residents to consider upgrading to LED lights this holiday season. You will be helping the environment and saving in energy costs. Did you know EnergyStar rated LED lights uses 75 percent less energy compared to conventional lights. They also have the following advantages:

- Safer: LEDs are much cooler than incandescent lights, reducing the risk of combustion or burnt fingers.
- Sturdier: LEDs are made with epoxy lenses, not glass and are much more resistant to breakage.
- Longer Lasting: The LED lights lasts 25 times longer than conventional holiday lights.
- Easier to install: Up to 25 strings of LEDs can be connected end-to end without overloading a wall socket.

(Source: www.energy.gov)

For more information about the Holiday light recycling program please call 317-571-2673.