

CHRISTMAS LIGHT

RECYCLING GUIDE 2011-2012



Use this guide to learn where to drop off your old, energy intensive and burnt out Christmas lights for recycling in BC

Happy Holidays from the Recycling Council of British Columbia!
For more information, please contact the Recycling Hotline
604-732-9253 | 1-800-667-4321 | www.rcbc.bc.ca | hotline@rcbc.bc.ca



SPREAD CHEER, SAVE ENERGY

LED bulbs produce more light per watt than incandescent light bulbs, which is what makes them brighter and more energy-efficient.

Switching to LED light strings from incandescent light strings will definitely help decrease energy consumption. This will in turn translate into savings on your monthly power bill, which is something we can all use during the holidays!

- Use rechargeable batteries rather than disposable batteries. They can be used many times and are collected by numerous retail stores for recycling.
- Willing to try something new? Look into solar powered lights! They come in all shapes, sizes and colors. There are even models designed specifically for dark Canadian winters! A variety of choices are now available at most major home hardware stores.
- Purchase LED lights. They last 7 times longer and use one-tenth the energy of standard incandescent seasonal lights. They are available for both indoor and outdoor use and there are several colours to choose from.
- By using a timer for your Christmas tree lights you can reduce your energy consumption by 30-50%.
- When purchasing lights, make sure they have a safety listing from Underwriters Laboratories (UL symbol), and use lights only as intended.
- Turn your outdoor Christmas lights on in the evening and leave them on for 4-6 hours at the most. To help save energy, remember to turn the lights off before going to bed at night.



SIMPLE LIGHT SAFETY TIPS

- Hot bulbs can ignite dry branches. To avoid a fire, keep your natural tree well watered and keep extension cords and Christmas lights away from water.
- Before you decorate, carefully inspect for cracked/frayed wires, damaged sockets or cracked insulation which may cause serious shock or start a fire. If you find defects, replace the entire set. Remember to unplug Christmas lights before watering the tree.



- Light the tree only when you are at home and awake to enjoy it.
- Be careful not to nail or staple through light strings or extension cords, this may damage the wire or insulation.
- Do not mount or place Christmas lights candles near gas/electric heaters, fireplaces, candles or other similar sources of heat
- When hanging lights, do not place the insulated wire on sharp hooks or sharp objects.
- Do not close your doors or windows on the Christmas lights or extension cords as this may damage the wire insulation.
- Do not cover the Christmas lights with cloth, paper or any material that is not part of the light set when in use.
- Do not overload the electrical wiring by adding additional light sets together. Only connect the recommended amount of light sets on one continuous light string.

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CITY	LOCATION/PHONE #/HOURS	DETAILS
CAPITAL		
Various Locations	Pacific Mobile Depots (250) 893-3851 Log onto http://www.pacificmobiledepots.com for CRD locations, services and fees.	Strings only – remove non-LED bulbs – fee charged (\$1.25/lb)
Saanich	Hartland Recycling Area #1 Hartland Avenue 250-360-3030 M-F 9:00am-5:00pm, Sa 7:00am-2:00pm	Strings only – remove non-LED bulbs – charge \$6.00 to enter recycling area
Saanichton	Ellice Recycle Ltd. 3-6785 Veyaness Road 250-652-5663 M-Sa 8:30am-5:00pm	Can leave bulbs on – free to drop off
Victoria	Ellice Recycle Ltd. 524 David Street 250-386-4342 M-F 7:30am-5:00pm, Sa-Su 8:30am-5:00pm	Can leave bulbs on – free to drop off (will pay \$0.01/lb)
Victoria	Steel Pacific Recycling 307 David Street 250-381-5865 M-Sa 8:00am-4:30pm	Strings only – remove non-LED bulbs – free to drop off
CENTRAL KOOTENAY		
All Communities	Accepted at all landfills and transfer stations for the months of December and January. See http://www.rdck.bc.ca for locations hours.	Can leave bulbs on – free to drop off

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CENTRAL OKANAGAN		
Kelowna	Glenmore Landfill 2105 Glenmore Road M-Su 7:30am-4:45 pm, closed stat holidays	Free to drop off at recycling depots year round. Can leave bulbs on. <i>For more information, contact the Regional Waste Reduction Office at 250-469-6250.</i>
Kelowna	Kirschner Recycling Depot 1988 Kirschner Road M-Su 8:00am-6:00pm, closed Christmas Day	
Kelowna	Westside Residential Recycling Center Asquith Road, off Shannon Lake Road M-Su 7:30am-4:00pm, closed Christmas Day	
Kelowna	Knox Mountain Metals 930 Bay Avenue 250-763-6502 M-F 8:00am-4:30pm, Sa 8:00am-11:30am	Strings only – remove non-LED bulbs – free to drop off
Westbank	Canadian Tire #101 – 3550 Carrington Road 250-707-3901 M-F 8:00am-8:00pm, Sa 8:00am-7:00pm, Su 9:00am-6:00pm	Can leave bulbs on – free to drop off at Customer Service desk
Westbank	Planet Earth Recycling Ltd. 2035 Louie Drive 250-768-0878 M-F 8:30am-4:30pm, Sa 10:00am-4:00pm	Can leave bulbs on – free to drop off

COLUMBIA-SHUSWAP		
Sicamous	Sicamous Landfill 950 Two Mile Road F-Tu 10:00am-4:00pm, closed Christmas & New Years	Can leave bulbs on – fee charged minimum bag rate of \$2 <i>For more information, contact the CSRD at 1-888-248-2773 or log onto http://www.csr.bc.ca</i>
Revelstoke	Revelstoke Landfill 330 Westside Road M-Sa 10:00am-4:00pm, closed stat holidays	
Salmon Arm	Salmon Arm Landfill 4290 20th Ave SE M-Sa 9:00am-4:00pm, Su 10:00am-2:00pm, closed Christmas and New Years	

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COMOX VALLEY and STRATHCONA		
Campbell River	ABC Recycling 4318 Terminal Place 250-286-3504 M-F 8:00am-4:30pm	Can leave bulbs on – free to drop off
Courtenay	Comox Valley Metal Recyclers 3447 Royston Road 250-336-8866 M-Sa 8:00am-5:00pm	Strings only – remove non-LED bulbs – free to drop off

FRASER-FORT GEORGE		
Prince George	Richmond Steel Recycling 1004 Eastern Street 250-563-6000 M-F 8:00am-4:30pm	Strings only – remove non-LED bulbs – free to drop off

FRASER VALLEY		
Abbotsford	Capt'n Crunch Auto Wrecking Ltd 34314 Vye Road 604-852-1296 M-F 8:00am-5:00pm, Sa 8:30-4:30pm	Can leave bulbs on – some fees associated
Abbotsford	Regional Recycling 750 Riverside Road 604-852-9152 M-Sa 9:00am-6:00pm, Su 10:00am-5:00pm	Can leave bulbs on – free to drop off
Chilliwack	Goodies Trading Ltd. 8150 Aitken Road 604-792-1283 M-F 8:00am-5:00pm, Sa 10:00am-3:00pm	Can leave bulbs on – free to drop off

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KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY		
Grand Forks	Grand Forks Landfill Re-Use It Centre 8798 Granby Road 250-442-2734 Tu-Sa 8:30am-4:00pm, Su 12:00pm-4:00pm	Only accepted if reusable – free to drop off. Non-reusable ones are accepted as garbage at the landfill only
Trail	McKelvey Creek Landfill 1900 Highway 3B 250-364-9148 M, W, F 11:00am-4:00pm, Sa 1:00pm-4:00pm	Can leave bulbs on – free to drop off
Greenwood	West Boundary Regional Landfill Re-Use It Centre 2050 Motherlode Road 403-997-4289 (satellite phone, no landline) Tu, F, Sa 9:00am-4:00pm	Only accepted if reusable – free to drop off

METRO VANCOUVER		
Various Locations	Pacific Mobile Depots Log onto http://www.pacificmobiledepots.com for Metro Vancouver locations, services and fees.	Strings only – remove non-LED bulbs – fee charged
Burnaby	Regional Recycling 2961 Norland Avenue 604-299-3121 M-Sa 9:00am-6:00pm, Su 9:00am-5:00pm	Can leave bulbs on – free to drop off
Langley	West Coast Metal Recycling 19841 57A Avenue 604-534-3531 M-Sa 8:00am-5:00pm	Can leave bulbs on – free drop-off
Maple Ridge	Fraser Valley Metal Exchange 23359-A Fisherman Road 604-467-7878 M-F 8:00am-4:30pm	Can leave bulbs on – free drop-off
Maple Ridge	Ridge Meadows Recycling Society 10092 236 Street 604-463-5545 M, Th-Su 8:00am-5:00pm, Tu-W 8:00am-7:00pm	Can leave bulbs on – free drop-off

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METRO VANCOUVER (Continued)		
Port Coquitlam	Happy Stan's Recycling Services 1603 Langan Avenue 604-464-0242 M-F 7:00am-3:30pm	Strings only – remove non-LED bulbs – free to drop off
Richmond	Regional Recycling 13300 Vulcan Way 604-276-8270 M-Sa 8:00am-6:00pm, Su 9:00am-5:00pm	Strings only – remove non-LED bulbs – free to drop off
Richmond	Richmond Steel Recycling 11760 Mitchell Road (604) 324-4656 M-Su 6:00am-6:00pm	Strings only – remove non-LED bulbs – free to drop off
Surrey	Amix Salvage & Sales 12301 Musqueam Drive 604-580-0251 M-F 8:00am-5:00pm, Sa 8:00am-12:00pm	Can leave bulbs on – free to drop off (may pay depending on amount)
Vancouver	Regional Recycling 960 Evans Ave. (604) 689-4722 M-Sa 8:00am-6:00pm, Su 9:00am-5:00pm	Strings only – remove non-LED bulbs – free to drop off
Vancouver	Capital Salvage Company 1919 Triumph Street 604-253-8481 M-Sa 8:00am-5:00pm	Can leave bulbs on – free to drop off
Vancouver	Davis Trading 1100 Grant Street 604-255-3111 M-F 8:00am-4:30pm, Sa 10:00am-2:00pm	Can leave bulbs on – free to drop off
Vancouver	North Star Recycling 1170 Powell Street 604-254-2734 M-F 7:30am-4:30pm, Sa 7:30am-2:30pm	Can leave bulbs on – free to drop off; if bulbs removed may pay depending on amount

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MOUNT WADDINGTON		
Port McNeill	7 Mile Recycling Centre Hwy 19, 14km North of Port McNeill 250-949-1681 M-F 9:00am-4:00pm, Sa 10:00am-4:00pm	Can leave bulbs on – free to drop off
NANAIMO		
Nanaimo	Nanaimo Recycling Exchange Society 2477 Kenworth Road 250-758-7777 M-Su 7:00am-7:00pm	Can leave bulbs on – free to drop off
NORTH OKANAGAN		
Armstrong / Spallumcheen	3367 Powerhouse Road M-F 8:00am-4:30pm, Sa-Su 9:30am-3:30pm	Strings only – remove non-LED bulbs – fee charged (\$10/tonne with a \$3 minimum) <i>For more information, contact the RDNO at 250-550-3700 or log onto http://www.rdno.ca.</i>
Cherryville/Area E	205 Aumond Road Tu, Sa 9:00am-4:00pm	
Greater Vernon	120 Birnie Road M-F 8:00am-4:30pm, Sa-Su 9:30am-3:30pm	
Kingfisher	150 Beattie Road Su 9:00am-4:00pm	
Lumby/Area D	221 Trinity Valley Road Th-Su 9:00am-4:00pm	
Vernon	Venture Training Centre 4240 Alexis Park Drive 250-542-2374 M-F 8:00am-3:00pm	Can leave bulbs on – free to drop off

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SUNSHINE COAST		
Gibsons	Gibson's Recycling Depot 1018 Venture Way 604-740-1425 M-Su 8:00am-5:00pm	Can leave bulbs on – fee charged
THOMPSON-NICOLA		
Kamloops	Kamloops Scrap Iron 955 Ord Road 250-554-3491 M-F 8:00am-4:30pm, Sa 9:00am-1:00pm	Strings only – remove bulbs – free to drop off
Kamloops	North West Metal Recycling 717 Carrier Street 250-374-8522 M-F 8:00am-4:30pm	Can leave bulbs on – fee charged