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Don't trash non-working Christmas lights, recycle them County offers options for recycling strands

Knoxville, Tenn. — With the post-Thanksgiving, turkey-induced stupor barely worn off, many families will be pulling Christmas decorations out of the attic and preparing to trim the tree and deck the halls.

In the spirit of Clark Griswold, moms and dads across Knox County will test thousands of feet of Christmas lights, only to discover that many that worked fine last year don't work this year.

For anyone who finds themselves facing down the Christmas light Grinch, Knox County Solid Waste has a holiday message: Don't send those lights to the landfill, recycle them instead.

Christmas lights will be accepted for recycling at the following Knox County Solid Waste locations during regular operating hours:

- Dutchtown Convenience Center, 10618 Dutchtown Road*
- Halls Convenience Center, 3608 Neal Drive*
- John Sevier Convenience Center, 1950 W. Gov. John Sevier Highway*
- Karns Convenience Center, 6930 Karns Crossing Lane*
- Household Hazardous Waste facility, 1033 Elm Street

*A Goodwill attendant will be on-site at these locations to accept Christmas lights for recycling.

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