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EATON COUNTY SPONSORS HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING PROGRAM

Don't Throw Those Old Holiday Lights in the Trash! Recycle Instead

The Eaton County Department of Resource Recovery is sponsoring a Holiday Light Recycling Program for Eaton County residents from now through January 9, 2021 at the Charlotte Area Recycling Authority (CARA).

Every year, people are faced with the dilemma of disposing of holiday lights. Whether the lights have stopped working, have been replaced with more energy-efficient LEDs, or are the victim of downsizing, there's something about holiday lights that makes many of us hesitant to just pitch them in the trash. And they absolutely cannot be put in your regular recycling bin. The long strands of wire are considered "tanglers" and can literally break sorting machines.

Fortunately, Eaton County Resource Recovery (ECDRR) is sponsoring a recycling program for those old holiday lights. "We are thrilled to be able to partner with Eaton County Resource Recovery to provide a way to collect holiday lights from Eaton County residents and keep them out of the landfill," says Quinn Underwood, director of CARA.

CARA – the Charlotte Area Recycling Authority – is hosting the program from now through January 9, 2021 at their recycling facility at 201 Hall Street in Charlotte during their regular hours: Tuesdays and Saturdays, 8am to Noon, and Thursdays, 2pm to 6pm (excluding Christmas Eve).

The program is open to all Eaton County residents.

Photo Caption: Maggie, an employee at CARA, cheerfully mans the Holiday Lights collection box at the Charlotte facility at 201 Hall St. The collection will continue until January 9, 2021.