

The Gainesville Zero Waste News

Recycle Your Holiday Lights at Free Drop-off Locations

Are you looking to refresh your holiday decorations but don't know what to do with all those old, broken, burned-out, impossibly tangled sets of holiday lights leftover from last year?

Good News! The City of Gainesville is ready to help you recycle those old sets of holiday lights. Old sets of holiday lights can be dropped for recycling now through the end of January at the City of Gainesville Public Works Facility located at [405 NW 39th Ave.](#) **No set is too tangled to be recycled!**



✓ **ACCEPTED:** Light strings with incandescent, LED, and "icicle" lights, along with wires and attached bulbs.

✗ **NOT ACCEPTED:** Fluorescent tubes, Compact Fluorescent bulbs (CFLs), Bubble lights, Liquid-filled lights, or Neon lights (These items can be recycled at [Alachua County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center](#)).

DROP-OFF DETAILS: Look for the Holiday Lights recycling container just outside the main office doors. Please only drop off lights during daylight hours and remove light strings from packing material and bags before dropping them off for recycling.

Holiday lights can also be recycled at any one of the five Alachua County Rural Collection Centers and the Alachua County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center. For more information on these drop-off locations, visit [Alachua County Drop-Off Centers](#).

Replacing old incandescent lights can save you money on your electric bill, and new LED lights use 80-90% less energy than incandescent bulbs. LED lights also last up to 100,000 hours versus only 3,000 hours from incandescent lights.

Reminder: ✗ Do **NOT** place holiday lights in your home recycle bins.

For more information, visit cityofgainesville.org/recycle or call **352-334-2330**.

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