

**DATE:** November 23, 2021  
**TO:** DeKalb County News Media  
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Public Health Administrator

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
***DeKalb County's Holiday Lights Recycling Drive***

Year after year residents find themselves testing bulbs and replacing fuses. When that does not work, the lights often end up in the garbage. With this program, DeKalb County can divert all holiday lights from the landfill, as recycled goods. One strand of lights may seem as though it does not help, but even these small contributions help reduce waste going into the landfill.

This year the DeKalb County Health Department's Holiday Light Program will continue to be handled differently due to Covid-19. To reduce the amount of interaction between the public and staff of drop off locations, no collection containers or sites will be available. Just like last year we are asking the public to take your holiday lights and extension cords to DeKalb Iron and Metal Company (DIMCO) or Zimmerman Recycling in DeKalb directly. The Health Department is promoting the collection from November 29, 2021 to January 31, 2022, however anytime you have lights you can take them at your convenience.

Residents can drop off their old holiday lights at either location during regular operating hours:

**Dekalb Iron & Metal, LLC**

900 Oak St  
DeKalb, IL 60115  
Phone: (815) 758-2458

**Hours:**

Monday – Friday 7:30AM–4:00PM  
Saturday 8:00AM–12:00PM  
Sunday Closed

**Zimmerman Recycling**

301 Industrial Dr.  
DeKalb, IL 60115  
Phone: (815) 756-8600

**Hours:**

Monday- Friday 7:00AM–4:30PM  
Saturday 7:00AM–2:00PM  
Sunday Closed

For more information about The Holiday Lights Recycling Program, please call Dakota Burke at 815-748-2408 or email [recycle@dekalbcounty.org](mailto:recycle@dekalbcounty.org).