

RCBC



The Christmas Lights Guide

Have a pile of burned-out holiday lights? Replacing your old lights with new, more energy-efficient options? RCBC's here to help you recycle old lights, pick new ones, and offer important tips for a safe and bright holiday season!



01 | RECYCLE YOUR OLD LIGHTS FOR FREE



Christmas light strings are included in the Product Care Light Recycling program and can be dropped off for free at participating light fixture recycling depots.



The maximum return limit for any single visit is 5 fixtures, though some sites may accept more – it's best to call ahead to ensure the depot can accept a larger volume.



Please note that some decorative fixtures, such as light-up Christmas characters and artificial trees with embedded lights, are not included.

For depot locations, visit
www.productcare.org



02 | CHOOSING NEW LIGHTS



Choose LED lights: They last 7 times longer and use 90% less energy than standard incandescent strings. They're available for both indoor and outdoor use with many colours to choose from.



Using a timer for your Christmas tree lights can help you reduce your energy consumption by 30-50%.



Turn your outdoor lights on in the evening and leave them on for 4-6 hours to get the most savings.



03 | LIGHTING SAFETY TIPS



Check for cracked or frayed wires. If you find defects, replace the entire string.



Be careful not to staple or nail through light strings or extension cords.



Don't close doors and windows on lights strings or extension cords.



Don't mount Christmas lights near sources of heat.



Keep your natural tree well-hydrated, remembering to unplug the lights before watering.



Don't cover Christmas lights with cloth, paper or materials that are not part of the lights.



Only connect the recommended amount of lights to one continuous string.



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Need more info on what lighting products are acceptable for recycling?

Visit www.rcbc.ca or call
Lower Mainland: 604-732-9253
Toll-Free: 1-800-667-4321