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"BITES FOR LIGHTS" CHRISTMAS LIGHT RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Crow Wing County Land Services Department, in cooperation with Sunrise Sertoma of Brainerd and Crow Wing Recycling, is collecting unneeded Christmas lights and extension cords at select locations throughout Crow Wing County. The copper found in the old extension cords and Christmas lights is recycled through Crow Wing Recycling, keeping these materials out of the county landfill. Proceeds from the recycled materials are donated to local charities.

“We have collected 25 tons since 2006, when the program started” stated Jeff Hilborn of Sunrise Sertoma. Over $8,400.00 has been raised since the program began to help purchase meals at soup kitchens and local food shelves in the Brainerd Lakes Area. County Environmental Services Supervisor, Ryan Simonson commented, “We are pleased to partner with Sunrise Sertoma and Crow Wing Recycling to help those in need while promoting recycling.”

The following local partners are participating by providing collection containers at their business, making it easier for citizens to drop-off old Christmas lights and extension cords throughout Crow Wing County.

- Brainerd Ace Hardware, Brainerd
- Carlson Hardware, Nisswa
- Frandsen Bank, Baxter
- Crosby-Ironton Courier, Crosby
- Crosslake Ace Hardware, Crosslake
- Crow Wing County Sanitary Landfill
- Emily Ace Hardware, Emily
- Holiday Store, Mill Ave., Brainerd
- Holiday Store, Crosslake
- MMFCU, Baxter/Brainerd
- Northland Arboretum
- Pequot Super Valu, Pequot Lakes
- Pequot Lakes Visitors Center
- Ace Hardware, Breezy Point

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping residents and our local businesses make wise choices that protect Crow Wing County’s extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact Land Services at (218) 824-1010 or land.services@crowwing.mn to discuss hazardous waste, solid waste, demolition material, composting, or recycling activities. Crow Wing County information and resources can be found at www.crowwing.us.