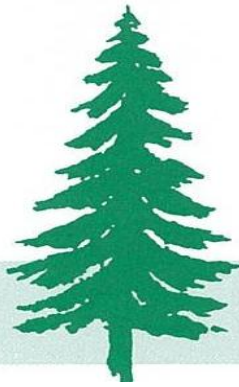


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BITES FOR LIGHTS' CHRISTMAS LIGHTS RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Crow Wing County Land Services Department, in cooperation with Sunrise Sertoma of Brainerd, and Kenwood Recycling, collected 4,345 pounds of unneeded Christmas lights and extension cords at select locations throughout Crow Wing County in 2012 making this the most successful season for the "Bites for Lights" program.

The copper found in the old extension cords and Christmas lights is recycled through Kenwood Enterprises, keeping these materials out of the county landfill. "The money raised through this program is used to help purchase meals at soup kitchens and local food shelves in the Brainerd Lakes Area" stated Jeff Hilborn of Sunrise Sertoma.

The following groups participated in the program by allowing recycled containers at the 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
CTC, Baxter/Brainerd
Crosby-Ironton Courier, Crosby
Crosslake Ace Hardware, Crosslake
Northland Arboretum

MMFCU, Baxter/Brainerd
Riverwood Bank, Baxter
Emily Ace Hardware, Emily
Pequot Lakes Area Chamber, Pequot Lakes
Highway 25 Liquors, Brainerd

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 the Solid Waste Office at (218) 824-1290 or environmental.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.co.crow-wing.mn.us.

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