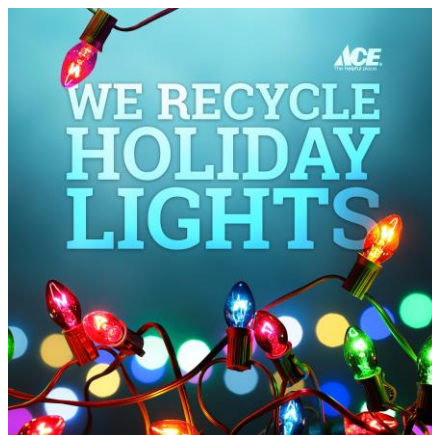


Held on Nov. 15, [America Recycles Day](#) educates and encourages individuals on how to be more mindful of what they consume, where and how to properly recycle, and to pledge to recycle more and recycle right in their everyday lives. There are lots of simple, easy [actions](#) you can take right now!



This Thanksgiving be grateful, but not wasteful. Remember to recycle and [compost](#), use only durable tableware and [reduce food waste](#).



Got old holiday lights that don't work? Don't throw them in the trash, recycle them instead. Starting Nov. 23, Westlake Ace Hardware stores will accept old and non-working holiday lights for recycling. For a list of participating locations, visit [RecycleSpot.org](#) and search "holiday lights."



As you start holiday shopping, remember to recycle the packaging when your order arrives. Here is a quick guide:

- Cardboard box (flatten and put in your bin)
- Air pillows or bubble wrap (deflate and return with plastic bags to retail location)
- Plastic mailing envelopes (remove shipping label, return with plastic bags)
- Molded Styrofoam blocks (not in your bin, take to Atlas Molded Products, 1400 N. 3rd St. Kansas City, KS, 913-321-4114)

To find recycling locations for these items, visit [RecycleSpot.org](#).