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Energy-Wise Tip

Let LED's Brighten Your Christmas!"



This year, strings of light emitting diode (LED) lights will brighten more Christmas displays throughout the U.S. than ever before. LED lights now offer many different styles. Many colors and sizes are available as well.

There are several advantages in the use of LED lights. New LED lights have an extremely long life. Unlike standard Christmas lights, LED lights will dim toward the end of their life rather than burning out all at once. Remember trying to find the single burned out bulb in a set of Christmas lights? That's no longer a concern with LED's.

Here are some other advantages of LED lights when compared to their incandescent cousins. Reports have stated the life of LED Christmas lights to be an extraordinary 100,000 hours! Another big advantage is the LED produces more light per

watt than other types of lighting. LED lights are 90 percent more efficient than incandescent lights. For example, one set of conventional 100 - C9 style Christmas lights will use 700 watts of electricity. The same set replaced with the new LED lights (with equivalent luminescence) would use only 65 watts. Over the Christmas season, the new LED lights could save \$7.50 in electric energy costs.

However, note that there are a few disadvantages of LED lighting. LED's have a light output limitation. This means they can only be so bright. Though the initial cost may be a concern, note that significant price decreases have occurred over the past few seasons. Plus, since the cost of operating of LED lights is so much lower than conventional lights, the purchase price is usually rapidly covered through energy savings.

LED lights have been around for a while and support many special lighting needs, such as

exit lights, flash lights, emergency lighting, and traffic lights. Especially over the last several years, LED Christmas lighting has become popular. As rising energy costs and environmental issues continue to be of greater concern, LED Christmas lighting offers the consumer an opportunity to make a difference while saving money.

LED Christmas lights offer enhanced decorating inside and outside of the home. Christmas LED lighting can put new, brighter sparkle in the Christmas season. Energy dollars, no longer needed to pay the electric bill, can now be spent for the more important joys that this season brings!



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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

December 1st
December 15th

CITY HALL HOLIDAY HOURS

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*Closing at noon on  
Christmas Eve;  
closed December  
25th*  
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*From all of us at
the City of Wayne
We wish everyone
a
Merry Christmas!!*



Department News~

Free Payment Option Available Online ~



We hear it in social media, on the phones and in email: You don't want to pay a fee to pay your bill. We want to make sure your customer experience

is top notch, so we are now offering online payments with no fee. Just log on to the City of Wayne website and go to the "Online Bill Pay" option located

on the left hand side of the screen.



WISE WORDS

"It's not your aptitude, but your attitude that determines your altitude."

~Zig Ziglar

Library News ~



Join us at the Wayne Public Library as we go "Stache" - ing through the Snow" for our annual Santa Story time. Stories, crafts, activities, and of course....a visit with Santa. Bring your camera with you for that special photo op on Tuesday, December 8th, at 6:00

p.m. Play Christmas "I Spy!" at the Wayne Public Library on Friday, December 18th through Thursday, December 24th. Stop in to pick out books, DVD's and games for your Christmas and holiday break. Stroll among the book stacks looking for Christmas and holiday symbols that have been hidden through the Library. Fill out

the game card and receive a sweet treat when you check out.

The Library will close at noon on Thursday, December 24th, and will re-open Sunday, December 27th, at 2:00 p.m. We wish you a wonderful holiday with family and friends!!

Did you know:

- ◆ About 50% of water is lost through leaks in cities in the developing world.
- ◆ A water efficient dishwasher uses as little as 4 gallons per cycle, but hand washing dishes uses 20 gallons of water.
- ◆ It takes twice the amount of water to produce coffee than it does tea.



Green Notes ~ Get Ready for a "Green" Holiday



Save money and the environment this holiday season with 3 easy tips on being green.

Re-gift. Have something you no longer want, like a good book you've read, or a nice shirt you don't wear? Don't be shy about re-gifting. You'll extend the life of the item and pass it on to someone who will appreciate it.

Shop local. Our community has wonderful stores that offer creative gifts and services, along with opportuni-

ties at local craft and book fairs to buy something special. Shop in town before spending dollars outside of our community and on extra fuel to drive there and back, and save the gift of extra time for yourself!

Wrap it with care. Save paper and money when wrapping presents this year. Try reusing gift bags and ribbon, wrapping with newspaper or paper grocery bags you can decorate yourself and later recycle, or using cloth such as a scarf or dish towel to wrap

a gift. You'll generate less waste and save tons of paper!

Don't forget about the City's brush pile at 1810 Industrial Road for disposing of your Christmas tree and greenery at the end of the holiday season, and to recycling your strings of Christmas lights at the Transfer Station and City Hall. For more tips on the Green Path to the Good Life, like the Wayne Green Team on Facebook or visit www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam.

HOURS AT CAC (September 1st— May 31st)

Mon-Thu—5:30 am—
10 pm
Fri—5:30 am—9 pm
Sat—8 am-8 pm
Sun—1 pm - 8 pm

