



## News from THE WALLACE GROUP

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### **PROACT ‘HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING’ CAMPAIGN URGES AREA RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES TO DROP OFF LIGHT STRINGS, CORDS**

**Gertens, cities of Oakdale and Savage, and Burnsville’s Park Nicollet Clinic new  
among 27 drop-off locations, people with disabilities disassemble and sort material**

Greater efficiencies, new collection points and hopes for more material are all on tap for the “Holiday Lights Recycling” effort carried out by ProAct, Inc. in conjunction with several metro area cities. The program also recycles electrical, phone and appliance cords and offers 27 drop-off locations.

“You can keep your lights and cords out of the trash and recycling bins, knowing that they will be handled properly, and that the valuable material will be reclaimed and reused in new products,” said ProAct Production Coordinator Jennifer Cavalier. The effort also helps to employ dozens of people with disabilities in Dakota and Goodhue counties.

Several participating metro area cities, and Dakota County service centers are serving as drop-off points, as is Gertens Greenhouse in Inver Grove Heights, Lakeville liquor stores, Burnsville Park Nicollet Clinic and five hardware stores. The program ends January 31.

People with disabilities process the cords and bulbs at ProAct's Eagan and Red Wing facilities. There are a few exclusions, Cavalier explained. Drop-off locations and ProAct cannot accept cord adapters, battery packs, plastic rope lights or CFL lights.

Christmas lights and electrical cords cannot be recycled in standard, single-sort recycling bins, and can cause problems in the regular waste stream, but the material is recoverable, said Cavalier. ProAct has grown the recycling effort each of the last three years and is now excited to announce that all the work and income from the processed material will benefit individuals with disabilities in its programs.

Drop off locations serviced by ProAct are offered in Dakota, Goodhue, Scott and Washington counties. These include:

**Apple Valley:**

Dakota County Western Service Center  
14955 Galaxie Avenue

**Burnsville:**

Burnsville Park Nicollet Clinic  
14000 Fairview Drive, Suite 204  
Concierge desk in lobby, 8 a.m. to 3  
p.m.  
Monday-Friday

**Cannon Falls**

D & G ACE Hardware  
31265 County 24

**Eagan:**

ProAct, Inc.  
3195 Neil Armstrong Boulevard  
(west of main entrance, near garage)

**Farmington**

Farmington City Hall  
430 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
  
Farmington Liquors  
109 Elm Street  
  
Farmington Liquors  
18350 Pilot Knob Road  
  
Rambling River Center  
325 Oak Street

**Hastings**

Hastings City Hall  
101 4th Street East  
  
Sterling Drug  
1399 South Frontage Road  
  
Terry's Hardware  
375 33rd Street W

**Inver Grove Heights**

ACE Hardware & Paint  
3098 65<sup>th</sup> Street East

City of Inver Grove Heights  
8150 Barbara Avenue

Gertens Greenhouses  
5500 Blaine Avenue

Inver Grove Veterans Memorial  
Community Center  
8055 Barbara Avenue East

**Lakeville**

Lakeville City Hall  
20195 Holyoke Avenue

Lakeville Liquor Heritage  
20164 Heritage Avenue

Lakeville Liquor Kenrick  
16179 Kenrick Avenue

Lakeville Liquor Store  
1600 Galaxie Ave

**Mendota Heights**

Mendota Heights City Hall  
1101 Victoria Curve

**Oakdale**

Oakdale City Hall  
1584 Hadley Avenue North

**Red Wing**

ProAct, Inc.  
204 Mississippi Avenue, Red Wing  
(lobby, near reception area)

Red Wing ACE Hardware  
1264 Old W Main Street, Red Wing

**Rosemount**

City of Rosemount-Community Center-  
13885 South Robert Trail

Terry's Hardware  
14635 S Robert Trail

**Savage**

City of Savage  
6000 McColl Drive

**West St. Paul**

Dakota County Western Service Center  
1 Mendota Road West

ProAct is headquartered in Eagan and has additional operations in Red Wing, Zumbrota and in Hudson, Wis. Its mission is to provide person-centered services that enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities in the areas of employment, life skills, and community inclusion.

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