Help the environment sparkle a little brighter this season by **Recycling** non-working holiday lights, power strips & cords during the month of December by dropping them off at Oberlin City Hall – 85 S. Main St., 8:am-4:30pm, Monday – Friday. Or at the Lorain County Solid Waste *Collection Center* (540 S. Abbe Rd., Elyria) from now until January 5th, 2019.

Ideas for the Holidays

- ✓ Take a reusable shopping bag with you when out & about this holiday season and continue to use throughout the new year.
- ✓ Consider the durability of a product before buying. Cheaper, less durable items often wear out quickly, creating waste and costing you money.
- ✓ Keep excessive packaging out of your holiday gift giving; buy gifts with no or minimal packaging, like gift cards and tickets to events.
- ✓ Use less wrapping paper by reusing last year's gift bags, wrapping in the Sunday comics or better yet in a seasonal kitchen or bathroom towel.
- ✓ Give, purchase & use rechargeable batteries now and throughout the year.
- ✓ Recycle curbside wrapping paper, greeting cards, tissue paper, and boxes.
- ✓ Select reusable products as gifts for family & friends by purchasing sturdy, washable items such as utensils, tableware, cloth napkins and dishcloths, items that can be used many times.
- ✓ Donate unwanted gifts and gift cards to charity.
- ✓ Buy local foods from your farmer's market.
- ✓ Give gifts that encourage others to be sustainable, like a cookbook for leftovers, a reusable lunch bag or a reusable beverage bottle.