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Acting President McGowan, MWRD partner with Austin Chamber, 15th District Chicago Police Dept. to promote environmentally-friendly holiday decorating

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) joined the Austin Chamber of Commerce's 10th annual holiday festivities under the leadership of Glenda Bridges and in partnership with Commander Barbara West of the 15th District Chicago Police Department to encourage the use of environmentally-friendly decorating. Such tips include:

- Tying scraps of old fabric or painting and decorating objects headed to a landfill to create ornaments are simple, low-cost ways to deck the halls.
- Using LED holiday lights instead of incandescent lights is a better way to illuminate a tree because LEDs use less electricity, don't break or burn out, and last longer. This saves energy and ultimately money.
- Cutting out a tree from cardboard, personalizing it and re-using each year saves the environment and makes an excellent keepsake.

"Holidays offer a great opportunity to consider how traditional activities can be preserved while at the same time reducing any impact on the environment," said MWRD Acting President Barbara McGowan. "Our waterways and our environment are precious, and a gift to the environment goes a long way."



In the photo: MWRD Acting President Barbara McGowan unveils the newly decorated tree in front of the 15th District Chicago Police Department. LED lights are a better way to illuminate a tree because they use less electricity, don't break or burn out, and last longer than incandescent lights.

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Established in 1889, the MWRD (www.mwrdd.org) is an award-winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.