

TOWN OF GREENWICH

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

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PRESS RELEASE

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The Department of Parks and Recreation is pleased to announce that residents may begin to bring their Christmas Trees for recycling starting Sunday, December 26, 2021. Christmas tree recycling will end on Monday, January 31, 2022.

All trees to be recycled must be undecorated (*ornaments, tinsel, lights, and stands must be removed*).

The Parks & Trees Division will be recycling resident's Christmas trees by chipping them. The wood chips can be used by residents as mulch or compost. Tree chips retained by the Town will be used in parks as mulch for trails in woodlands, shrub beds, and soil stabilization.

Nationally Christmas trees are recycled for five main types of large-scale uses:

- Chipping: chips to be used for mulch or compost
- Beachfront erosion prevention
- Lake and river shore stabilization
- Fish habitat: trees are sunk in lakes to serve as cover for young fish and sustaining insects
- River delta sedimentation management.

Homeowners may also consider retaining their Christmas trees for domestic uses such as:

- Songbird and wildlife habitat: Christmas trees placed near bird feeding areas are used by the visiting birds as shelter from the wind and cold, and as protective cover from predators while consuming the bird food. Trees can also be 'decorated' by hanging peanut butter filled pinecones, suet and seed mixes, or fruit.
- Erosion control: Whole trees can be placed in gullied areas to prevent or slow erosion.
- Flower bed protection: Boughs can be cut off the trees to place on flower beds to protect roots and bulbs from winter cold in a decorative way.

These are just a few ways trees can be recycled without the energy expense of mechanized chipping. If you have any other ideas about recycling Christmas trees, we would appreciate your sharing them with us

parksandtrees@greenwichct.org.

Although we will continue to make every effort to provide a healthy environment, please make responsible decisions, based on your personal risk profile, on whether to expose yourself to others by visiting the recycling locations. We will continue to provide service during this heightened alert period if everyone obeys the above safety practices. We will continue to monitor the recommendations by the CDC, local, state, and national authorities and keep you updated on changes. If you, a family member, or someone you have been in contact with has respiratory symptoms, particularly a fever, do not visit the park.

PLEASE ADHERE TO THE CDC RECOMMENDATION COVID-19 updates <https://www.greenwichct.gov/1621/Coronavirus-COVID-19>



We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during these unprecedented times!



CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION SITES

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT RESIDENTS MAY BEGIN TO BRING THEIR CHRISTMAS TREES FOR RECYCLING STARTING **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021.**

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING WILL END ON **MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022.**

BYRAM PARK: RESIDENTS ONLY – NO COMMERCIAL HAULERS

PARKING LOT BY THE CONCESSION

8 a.m. TO 4 p.m.

BRUCE PARK: RESIDENTS ONLY – NO COMMERCIAL HAULERS

PARKING LOT BY THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, OPPOSITE ENTRANCE TO BRUCE MUSEUM

8 a.m. TO 4 p.m.

GREENWICH POINT: RESIDENTS ONLY – NO COMMERCIAL HAULERS

PARKING LOT ACROSS FROM THE NATURE CENTER

6 a.m. UNTIL SUNSET.

HOLLY HILL RECYCLING CENTER: RESIDENTS & COMMERCIAL HAULERS

PLACE TREES IN THE YARD WASTE AREA

7 a.m. TO 2:30 P.M. WEEKDAYS AND 7 a.m. TO 12 p.m. ON SATURDAYS.

WOOD CHIPS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS AT EACH COLLECTION SITE

*** NO TREES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022 ***

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

Some interesting facts about Christmas Trees:*

- There are approximately 30–35 million real Christmas trees sold in North America every year.
- American Christmas trees are grown in all 50 states
- Real Christmas trees are a renewable, recyclable resource.
- For every real Christmas tree harvested, up to three seedlings are planted in its place in the following spring.
- There are about 500,000 acres in production for growing Christmas trees.
- Each acre provides the daily oxygen requirements of 18 people.
- There are about 21,000 Christmas tree growers in North America and over 100,000 people employed full or part-time in the industry.
- It can take as long as 7-15 years to grow a six-foot Christmas tree.
- The top Christmas tree producing states are Oregon, North Carolina, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Washington.
- The top selling Christmas tree species are: Balsam Fir, Douglas Fir, Fraser Fir, Noble Fir, Scotch Pine, Virginia Pine and White Pine.
- In a national survey 93 percent who used a real Christmas tree recycled theirs in some type of Community program.

* Source: National Christmas Tree Association

The Greenwich Department of Parks & Recreation thanks you for recycling your Christmas trees with us and we wish you a Safe and Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Greenwich Department of Parks & Recreation

