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### **CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING IN MARIN**

**The Christmas tree is one of America's most loved holiday traditions. Everyone enjoys carefully selecting, decorating and using Christmas trees as the centerpiece of family celebrations. After the holidays, Christmas trees change from objects of traditional beauty to potential fire hazards and can take up valuable space at our landfills.**

**An estimated 24,613 Christmas trees are purchased in Marin County every year. A number of tree recycling programs have been in operation in Marin County for some time. Instead of just throwing away your tree with the trash, recycle it with your curbside green waste collection or bring it to one of the following drop-off locations where it will be recycled and re-used for mulch, compost or fuel.**

**In addition, much of today's Christmas wrap is mixed with plastic and Mylar which makes it difficult to recycle. Therefore, please contact your local garbage hauler before placing Christmas wrap in your paper recycling.**

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### CURBSIDE COLLECTION

- Marin Sanitary Service Customers:** For Larkspur, Greenbrae, Kentfield, Las Gallinas Valley, Ross, San Anselmo, San Rafael, Fairfax and Ross Valley (Sleepy Hollow and Oak Manor) trees will be collected at the curb on your regular yard waste pickup day during the month of January. If trees are greater than 6 feet in length, please cut them in half. Remove all metal stands, plastic tree bags, and ornaments. Flocked trees will not be accepted.
- Mill Valley Refuse Customers:** For Almonte, Alto, Belvedere, Corte Madera, Mill Valley, Homestead, Strawberry, & Tiburon put trees out on the curb on any regular greenwaste collection day, starting the week after New Year's. Trees taller than 5 feet in length must be cut in half. Flocked trees are OK. All apartment building tenants should contact their manager. They will set up one day for all Christmas tree collection.
- Novato Disposal Customers:** During the week of January 11<sup>th</sup> customers may place whole trees at the curb the night before their regular collection day. Additionally, trees may be cut to fit inside your yard waste container for collection on your regular service day. Remove all lights, tinsel ornaments and stands. Flocked trees will not be collected.
- Sausalito/Marin City:** Bay Cities Refuse customers in Sausalito can put trees at the curb on your regular greenwaste pickup day January 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> or January 18<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>rd</sup>. Customers in Marin City can put trees at the curb on your regular greenwaste pickup day January 8<sup>th</sup> and January 22<sup>nd</sup>. No metal stands or flocked trees and remove all ornaments.
- Redwood Empire Disposal:** For Bolinas, Forrest Knolls, Inverness, Marshall, Muir Beach, Nicasio, Olema, Point Reyes Station, San Geronimo, Stinson Beach, West Marin and Woodacre cut trees to fit inside your yard waste container. Remove all lights, tinsel ornaments and stands. Flocked trees will not be collected.
- Tamalpais CSD:** Cut trees into pieces no longer than 2 feet in length and 2 feet wide and place trees in your green waste cart on regular green waste collection day for free pick up. You may also place your tree curbside the week of January 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. After January 8<sup>th</sup>, there will be a \$15.00 fee for tree pickup.

## ***DROP-OFF LOCATIONS***

- Kentfield:  
College of Marin January 2<sup>nd</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>, Parking Lot #12 (south of gym),
- Larkspur: January 2<sup>nd</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>, Piper Park, 250 Doherty Drive  
January 2<sup>nd</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>, Fire Station, 15 Barry Rd. Niven Park, Drakes Landing Road
- Marinwood: January 2<sup>nd</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>, Marinwood Fire Station, 777 Miller Creek Road.-Fire House. Flocked Trees and trees with wooden stands in place will not be accepted.
- Novato: Take your whole tree to the San Marin High School parking lot December 26-27, January 2-3 and 9-10 from 9 am - 5 pm only. The High School asks for a \$5 donation (\$10 for flocked trees) which helps fund Safe Grad Night, San Marin's Safe & Sober Party for graduating seniors. You may schedule a pick-up at your door for a \$10 fee (\$20 for flocked). Call 899-9223 to schedule an appointment.
- Point Reyes: December 26<sup>th</sup>-January 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am-5:00 pm. 4<sup>th</sup> & B Streets.-Fire House. Flocked Trees and trees with wooden stands in place will not be accepted.
- Ross: January 2<sup>nd</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>, Marin Art & Garden Center (across from fire station).
- San Rafael: Fire Stations January 2<sup>nd</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>:
  - 210 3rd St. (3rd & Union)
  - Pickleweed Community Center (Canal Area)
  - 3530 Civic Center Dr. (Civic Center)
  - 955 Point San Pedro Road (Glenwood Area)
  - Manuel T. Freitas Parkway & Del Ganado (Scotty's Market Parking Lot)
  - Marin Resource Recovery Center During the month of January, 2 trees per customer accepted free of charge. (There will be a charge for flocked trees.)
- Sausalito: Trees can be dropped off at the recycling area behind the old bus barn on Coloma Street (Old Martin Luther King School property) until January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Stinson/Bolinas: Trees can be dropped off at Bolinas-Stinson Recovery Park, 25 Olema Bolinas Rd. Monday-Saturday 11am-5pm. No flocked trees, tinsel, ornaments or stands will be accepted.

Tam CSD: Bring your tree to the Tamalpais Valley Community Center parking lot and leave it next to the mulch piles no later than January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Tomales: December 26<sup>h</sup>-January 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am-5:00pm. 599 Dillon Beach Rd.-Fire House. Flocked Trees and trees with wooden stands in place will not be accepted.

Woodacre: December 26<sup>th</sup>-January 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am-5:00 pm. 33 Castle Rock Road.-Fire House. Flocked Trees and trees with wooden stands in place will not be accepted.