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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

City of San Diego Christmas Tree Recycling Program Ends January 23rd

SAN DIEGO, CA---The City of San Diego Environmental Services Department's annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program is coming to an end on Saturday, January 23, 2016. The City offers 16 drop-off locations, available to City residents only, as well as curbside pickup for those with curbside yard waste collection service.

Only "clean trees" are accepted at city recycling locations. Before depositing trees, residents must remove all tree stands, lights, ornaments, tinsel, and non-recyclable materials.

Residents should drop off clean (undecorated) trees during daylight hours at any of the 16 convenient drop-off locations. Please do not illegally dump any other items at the drop-off locations.

In addition to clean trees, flocked trees (fake snow) are also accepted. All trees will be recycled into high quality mulch and compost. City residents can self-load mulch and up to two cubic yards of compost for free at the Miramar Greenery throughout the year.

Curbside yard waste recycling customers can also recycle trees through the curbside collection program by placing trees at the curb with the regular yard waste recycling. Customers with

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automated greenery containers must cut up their clean trees to about 3-feet so it will fit inside their greenery container.

Curbside yard waste recycling customers who are unable to cut their trees for manual collection or who cannot fit the tree into the green automated container, should recycle their tree at any of the City's drop-off locations.

Curbside recycling program customers should remove all non-recyclable materials before placing trees inside the automated bin or at the curb next to yard waste collection containers. Following is a complete list of the City's 16 drop-off locations for the Christmas Tree Recycling Program:

Drop-off Locations

- Carmel Valley Carmel Valley Recreation Center, 3777 Townsgate Drive, lower parking lot
- Encanto Cielo Drive at Woodman Street
- Golden Hill Golden Hill Recreation Center, 2600 Golf Course Drive
- La Jolla Kate Sessions Memorial Park, Soledad Road and Loring Street
- Logan Heights Memorial Recreation Center, 2902 Marcy Avenue
- Miramar The Greenery at the Miramar Landfill, Convoy Street north of Highway 52
- Mission Bay Sea World Drive at Pacific Highway
- Oak Park Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive, in Gloria's Mesa parking lot
- Ocean Beach Robb Athletic Field Recreation Center, 2525 Bacon Street
- Otay Mesa/Nestor Montgomery Waller Community Park (lower-west parking lot)
- Rancho Bernardo Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center, 18448 W. Bernardo Drive
- Rancho Penasquitos Canyonside Recreation Center, 12350 Black Mountain Road
- San Diego State University Parking Lot D off Alvarado Road
- Scripps Ranch Scripps Ranch Recreation Center, 11454 Blue Cypress Drive
- Tierrasanta De Portola Middle School, 11010 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard
- University City Swanson Pool, 3585 Governor Drive

The Miramar Greenery is located inside the Miramar Landfill, at 5180 Convoy Street, just north of Highway 52. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturdays, Sundays and most holidays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Additional information about the residential drop-off site locations is available by calling the Environmental Services Department Customer Service line at 858-694-7000. For information on mulch and compost produced at the Miramar Greenery, call the Miramar Landfill at 858-492-6100.

The City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department is charged with refuse collection and disposal, recycling and environmentally-sound landfill management to meet the City's long-term disposal needs. For more information on recycling and the Environmental Services Department, call 858-694-7000 or visit our web site at www.recyclingworks.com.