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City of San Diego Hosts Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program

City Residents Drop Off Christmas Trees and Help the Environment

SAN DIEGO, CA – The City of San Diego Environmental Services Department will host the *31st Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program* beginning December 29, 2004 through January 24, 2005. This year the program will offer 18 drop-off locations available to residents only.

Residents who want to recycle Christmas trees before December 29, 2004 can go to the Miramar Greenery located at the Miramar Landfill seven days a week during normal hours of operation. Beginning December 29, 2004, residents can drop off clean trees at any of the 18 drop-off locations during daylight hours through January 24, 2005. Throughout the duration of the program, trees collected as fundraising projects or commercial loads will not be accepted at the drop-off locations. Instead, these trees can be dropped off, free of charge, at the Miramar Greenery.

“We encourage all those who celebrate the holidays with a Christmas tree to participate in our recycling program,” said Elmer L. Heap Jr., director of Environmental Services Department. “Green waste such as your Christmas tree is a large part of the recyclable material that unfortunately ends up being buried in the Miramar Landfill. By recycling your Christmas tree you are doing your part to reduce the amount of material in the landfill and help the environment by giving your holiday tree a second life as compost, mulch or wood chips.”

Residents participating in the Christmas Tree Recycling Program should plan to drop off only clean trees during daylight hours. Before depositing trees, all tree stands, lights, ornaments and other tree decorations must be removed. Please do not illegally dump any other items at the drop-off locations.

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In addition to clean trees, flocked trees (fake snow) are also accepted. All trees will be recycled into high quality mulch and compost, which is available throughout the year to city residents for free if self-loaded at the Miramar Greenery.

Residents who currently receive curbside yard waste recycling collection can also recycle trees through the curbside collection program by placing trees at the curb with the regular yard waste recycling. Residents who wish to recycle trees through the curbside recycling program are required to remove all non-recyclable materials before placing trees at the curb next to yard waste collection containers.

This year, the La Jolla area drop-off site has changed from Mt. Soledad to Kate Sessions Memorial Park to help make Christmas tree recycling more accessible to residents without curbside yard waste collection.

The following is the complete list of the City’s 18 drop-off locations for the 31st Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program:

Sites	Addresses
1. Carmel Valley:	Carmel Valley Recreation Center, 3777 Townsgate Drive, lower parking lot.
2. Clairemont:	Clairemont Mesa Boulevard at Diane Street.
3. Encanto:	Cielo Drive at Woodman Street.
4. Golden Hill:	Golden Hill Recreation Center, 2600 Golf Course Drive
5. La Jolla :	Kate Sessions Memorial Park, Soledad Road and Loring Street <i>(New location, replaces the previous Mt. Soledad drop-off site).</i>
6. Logan Heights:	Memorial Recreation Center, 2902 Marcy Avenue.
7. Miramar:	Miramar Landfill and Greenery, Convoy Street north of Highway 52.
8. Mission Bay:	Sea World Drive at Pacific Highway.
9. Mission Valley:	Super Target parking lot in Mission Valley Center.
10. Oak Park:	Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive, in Gloria’s Mesa parking lot.
11. Ocean Beach:	Robb Athletic Field Recreation Center, 2525 Bacon Street.
12. Otay Mesa/Nestor:	Montgomery Waller Community Park (upper and lower-west parking lots).
13. Rancho Bernardo:	Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center, 18448 W. Bernardo Drive.
14. Rancho Penasquitos:	Canyonside Recreation Center, 12350 Black Mountain Road.
15. San Diego State University:	Parking Lot D off Alvarado Road.
16. Scripps Ranch:	Scripps Ranch Recreation Center, 11454 Blue Cypress Drive.
17. Tierrasanta:	De Portola Middle School, 11010 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard.
18. University City:	Swanson Pool, 3585 Governor Drive.

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The Miramar Landfill and the Miramar Greenery are located at 5180 Convoy Street, just north of the 52 Highway. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays, Sundays and most holidays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Landfill will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Additional information about the residential drop-off site locations is available by calling the City of San Diego Recycling Hotline at (858) 694-7000. For information on mulch and compost produced at the Miramar Greenery, please call the Miramar Landfill at (858) 573-1420.

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. The Department also oversees the City's management of energy use and explores innovative options for energy independence. For more information on Environmental Services, visit the web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/>.

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