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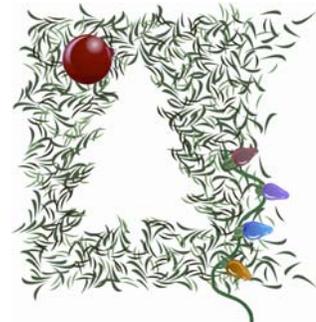
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City of San Diego Hosts Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program

Recycling Christmas Trees Extends the Life of the Miramar Landfill, Provides Free Mulch and Compost for Residents' Gardens/Landscaping

SAN DIEGO, CA—The City of San Diego Environmental Services Department will host the **33rd Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program** beginning December 26, 2006 through January 23, 2007. This year's program will offer 17 drop-off locations available to residents only as well as curbside pickup for those customers with curbside yard waste collection.



“Recycling Christmas Trees is an important way San Diegans can not only help the environment, but help extend the life of the Miramar Landfill,” said Elmer L. Heap Jr., director of the Environmental Services Department. “Yard clippings and other organic materials, such as Christmas trees, make up over 20% of the material buried in the landfill. By recycling Christmas trees residents help reduce the amount of material in the landfill and give holiday trees a second life as compost, mulch or wood chips.”

Before December 26, San Diegans can recycle Christmas trees seven days a week at the Miramar Greenery located at the Miramar Landfill.

Beginning December 26 through January 23, 2007, residents can drop off clean trees, during daylight hours, at any of the 17 drop-off locations listed below.

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Trees from commercial tree lots or fundraising projects will not be accepted at the drop-off locations. Instead, these trees can be dropped off free of charge at the Miramar Greenery.

Residents participating in the Christmas Tree Recycling Program should drop off 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.

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 such as tinsel, ornaments and lights before placing trees at the curb next to yard waste collection containers.

The following is the complete list of the City's 17 drop-off locations for the 33rd Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program:

Sites	Addresses
1. Carmel Valley:	Carmel Valley Recreation Center, 3777 Townsgate Drive, lower parking lot.
2. Encanto:	Cielo Drive at Woodman Street.
3. Golden Hill:	Golden Hill Recreation Center, 2600 Golf Course Drive.
4. La Jolla :	Kate Sessions Memorial Park, Soledad Road and Loring Street.
5. Logan Heights:	Memorial Recreation Center, 2902 Marcy Avenue.
6. Miramar:	Miramar Landfill and Greenery, Convoy Street north of Highway 52.
7. Mission Bay:	Sea World Drive at Pacific Highway.
8. Mission Valley:	Super Target parking lot in Mission Valley Center.
9. Oak Park:	Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive, in Gloria's Mesa parking lot.
10. Ocean Beach:	Robb Athletic Field Recreation Center, 2525 Bacon Street.
11. Otay Mesa/Nestor:	Montgomery Waller Community Park (upper and lower-west parking lots).
12. Rancho Bernardo:	Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center, 18448 W. Bernardo Drive.
13. Rancho Penasquitos:	Canyonside Recreation Center, 12350 Black Mountain Road.

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| 14. San Diego State University: | Parking Lot D off Alvarado Road. |
| 15. Scripps Ranch: | Scripps Ranch Recreation Center, 11454 Blue Cypress Drive. |
| 16. Tierrasanta: | De Portola Middle School, 11010 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. |
| 17. University City: | Swanson Pool, 3585 Governor Drive. |

The Miramar Greenery is located inside the Miramar Landfill, 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 Environmental Services Department Customer Service 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 facts on the importance of recycling in San Diego, go to www.RecycleOrElse.com. 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 www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/.

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