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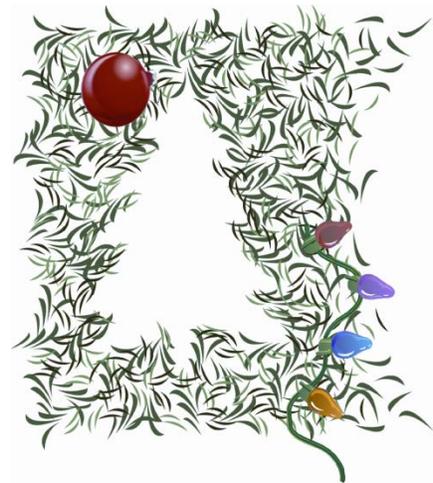
City of San Diego Ready to Begin 39th Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program

*Recycling Christmas Trees Extends the Life of the Miramar Landfill
by Turning Christmas Trees into Mulch and Compost*

SAN DIEGO, CA—The City of San Diego’s Environmental Services Department will host the **39th Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program** beginning December 26, 2012 and running through January 23, 2013. This year’s program will offer 16 drop-off locations, available to City residents only, as well as curbside pickup for those customers with curbside yard waste collection.

“Recycling Christmas trees is an important way for San Diegans to help the environment and extend the life of the Miramar Landfill,” said Chris Gonaver, director of the Environmental Services Department. “Historically, yard clippings and other organic materials, such as Christmas trees, comprise more than 20 percent of the material buried in the landfill. By recycling 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, 2012 San Diegans can recycle Christmas trees seven days-a-week at the Miramar Greenery located at the Miramar Landfill.



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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.

Beginning December 26 and continuing through January 23, 2013, residents can drop off clean trees during daylight hours at any of the 16 drop-off locations listed below.

Trees from commercial tree lots or fundraising projects are not accepted at the drop-off locations. Instead, these trees can be dropped off until January 23, 2013 at the Miramar Greenery **after paying the appropriate fee at the entrance to the landfill.**

Residents participating in the Christmas Tree Recycling Program should drop off clean trees during daylight hours. 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 automated greenery containers must cut up their clean trees to ensure they will fit easily 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 convenient 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.

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The following is a complete list of the City's 16 drop-off locations for the 38th 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 at Greenery, Convoy St. north of Highway 52.
7. Mission Bay:	SeaWorld Drive at Pacific Highway.
8. Oak Park:	Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive, in Gloria's Mesa parking lot.
9. Ocean Beach:	Robb Athletic Field Recreation Center, 2525 Bacon Street.
10. Otay Mesa/Nestor:	Montgomery Waller Community Park (lower-west parking lot on Palm Avenue).
11. Rancho Bernardo:	Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center, 18448 W. Bernardo Drive.
12. Rancho Peñasquitos:	Canyonside Recreation Center, 12350 Black Mountain Road.
13. San Diego State University:	Parking Lot D off Alvarado Road.
14. Scripps Ranch:	Scripps Ranch Recreation Center, 11454 Blue Cypress Drive.
15. Tierrasanta:	De Portola Middle School, 11010 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard.
16. 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. 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 more information on recycling and the Environmental Services Department, call 858-694-7000 or visit our web site at:

www.recyclingworks.com.

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