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Give Your Christmas Tree A Second Life
Waste Management of Orange County Offers Christmas Tree Recycling;

SANTA ANA, CA - The Christmas tree is the symbol of the holiday season for many people, and it can have a useful life once the ornaments are packed away.

Waste Management of Orange County provides our customers in the county the opportunity to recycle their trees after the holiday season at no extra charge.

Waste Management customers with curbside service can recycle their Christmas trees by placing the trees at the curb or in their greenwaste carts on their scheduled pick-up day – trees greater than six feet tall must be cut in half. Trees will be picked up for recycling during the two weeks following Christmas, beginning Dec. 26 (in the cities of Irvine and Santa Ana, tree collection will take place for three weeks after Christmas). Be sure to remove all decorations, including ornaments, tinsel, lights and the tree stand. Flocked trees cannot be recycled, but will be collected if they are placed at the curb.

“Every year in California, more than 40,000 tons of Christmas trees require handling at the end of the holiday season. We recognize that these trees can be put to more creative uses than simply being piled whole into landfills,” said David Ross, Senior District Manager of Waste Management of Orange County. “If you have a live tree in your home, please recycle it when the holidays are over.”

Trees collected in the curbside program will be mulched for reuse as alternative daily cover, which is the cover material placed on the active face of a landfill at the end of each day to protect against fires, odors, blowing litter and scavenging.

For details on alternative tree recycling programs in Irvine, Laguna Beach, Mission Viejo and the City of Orange, please see the notes below.

City of Orange

Orange residents who live in multi-family complexes with bin service can take their trees to the Orange Transfer Station at 2050 N. Glassell. Trees will be accepted December 26, 2007, through January 11, 2008. Residents can take their trees to Orange Transfer during the following hours: Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those dropping off trees will need to show proof of Orange residency.

Waste Management is the leading provider of comprehensive waste and environmental services in North America. For more information about recycling, log onto www.wmorangecounty.com.

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From Everyday Collection to Environmental Protection, Think Green, Think Waste Management