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HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLING AVAILABLE

Keep the holidays green by recycling your tree. Trees that are collected through the free, countywide holiday tree recycling program are chipped for landscaping mulch or used as fuel to generate electricity.

Holiday trees will be picked up at the curb early in the morning on regular garbage collection days during the following collection dates:

- **Unincorporated county; cities of Scotts Valley, Capitola** – Jan. 2-13
- **City of Watsonville** – Jan. 9-13
- **City of Santa Cruz** – Jan. 1-14

Before recycling a tree, residents should remove all ornaments, tinsel, and any metal or plastic stands. For curbside collection, residents should cut larger trees to a 6-foot length. *In the unincorporated County, trees need to be cut to 3-foot lengths for curbside pickup.* No flocked trees are accepted.

Curbside collection for businesses and apartments is available in some areas. Please contact your garbage hauler with any questions about pickup and drop-off recycling options.

Additionally, special bins for collecting trees have been placed at many fire stations and other convenient locations around the County. These bins will be available for residents to drop off their trees at the following location until Jan, 20, 2017, unless otherwise noted:

- **Aptos** - Fire Station, 6934 Soquel Dr.



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- **Ben Lomond** - Transfer Station, 9835 Newell Creek Rd., 7:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. (Closed Sundays and New Year's Day)
- **Boulder Creek** - Fire Station, 13230 Central Ave.
- **Felton** - Fire Station, 131 Kirby St.
- **Freedom** - Fire Station No. 2, 370 Airport Blvd.
- **La Selva Beach** - Triangle Park on Playa Boulevard
- **Live Oak** - East Cliff Shopping Center, 21511 East Cliff Dr., rear parking lot
- **Santa Cruz** - Municipal Resource Recovery Facility, 605 Dimeo Ln., December 26 through January 31, 2017. 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (Closed Sundays, a half-day closure New Year's Eve and New Year's Day)
- **Scotts Valley** - Fire Station, 7 Erba Ln.
- **Soquel** - Fire Station, 4747 Soquel Dr.
- **South County** - County Landfill, 1231 Buena Vista Dr., (Closed Sundays and New Year's Day)
- **Watsonville** - Waste and Recycling Drop-Off Center, 320 Harvest Dr., 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (Closed Sundays and Dec. 30-Jan. 2)

The holiday tree recycling program is a collaborative effort of all local governments, waste haulers, and many fire protection districts in Santa Cruz County. For additional information, visit www.santacruzcountyrecycles.org.

Remember, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REDUCES, REUSES, AND RECYCLES!