

## Natural Christmas tree pickup starts January 12

The City of Edmonton will start collecting natural Christmas trees on Tuesday, January 12, 2016. Trees will be picked up for recycling within three weeks of this date, but not necessarily on residents' scheduled waste collection days.

Residents are asked to:

- Set natural Christmas trees out for collection by 7 a.m. on Tuesday, January 12.

  Place their un-bagged tree on its side next to their garbage bags.

- Cut extra-large trees into two-metre (six-foot) lengths.
   Remove all ornaments, tinsel, garlands, nails, screws and tree stands, so that they are acceptable for composting.

Apartment and condo residents should take their natural Christmas trees to a Recycling Depot (place next to the entrance or exit of the depot and make sure your tree does not block access) or to one of the City's four Eco Stations free of charge by January 30. Christmas trees should NOT be placed in, or near, apartment garbage or recycling bins.

In 2015, 13,068 trees were collected for recycling. Trees are chipped and composted at the <u>Edmonton Waste Management Centre</u>. The City uses the wood chips to make various types of compost for horticulture, agriculture and land reclamation.

The Reuse Centre accepts artificial tree donations, as long as it is in a box with all its parts. They are given to organizations and individuals for reuse.

## For more information:

Visit: edmonton.ca/ChristmasTrees

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