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Sniff, Sniff...What's That? It's the "Best Smelling Collection Trucks in the City!"

Christmas Tree Collection is Almost Here – Time to "Tree-Cycle"

The New York City Department of Sanitation has announced that curbside Christmas tree collection will begin Friday, January 6, 2023. Collection will run through Saturday, January 14, 2023, barring any delays that may be caused by winter weather events.

As a reminder, **Christmas trees are collected separately from trash and recycling**, and patience is appreciated as pick-up may not occur immediately; trees are collected with other trees, and the Department scouts trees at the curb to make efficient routes.

Residents choosing to take advantage of curbside collection should **remove all stands, tinsel, lights and ornaments** before putting trees out for collection. Do **NOT** wrap trees in plastic bags. After collection, the Christmas trees will be chipped, mixed with leaves, and recycled into compost for the city's parks, institutions and community gardens. The Department can collect more than 200,000 Christmas trees for 'tree-cycling' every year.



Residents may also bring their trees to a Mulchfest site. NYC Parks Mulchfest 2023 will run through January 8. New Yorkers will be able to drop off trees at sites across the five boroughs. The trees are then chipped and recycled, and the mulch is used to nourish city trees and plants in every corner of the city.

Have an artificial tree?

Those needing to get rid of mostly plastic and metal artificial Christmas trees should consider selling or donating them. Donation opportunities may be found at nyc.gov/donate. Otherwise, if possible, take apart the tree to recycle the base and trunk (pole) with metal, glass, plastic and cartons. Remove all lights, ornaments and tinsel before placing the artificial tree out for recycling.

For more information on Christmas tree collection and recycling or MulchFest, visit www.nyc.gov/dsny, www.nyc.gov/parks or call 311.