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When is Christmas Tree Collection? This Week, Next Week, the Following Week...Any Week You Want!

With Citywide Curbside Compost Collection, All City Residents Have Even More Opportunities for Christmas Tree Pick-ups

The hap-happiest season of all is now all year 'round – and we are adding some real “pine fresh” scent to our compost collection trucks! The New York City Department of Sanitation is announcing that Christmas tree collection is now any week you want! Are you a family that takes the tree down on Christmas? Do you hold out for all twelve days? Rather wait until May? It's all ok!

Thanks to the expansion of curbside composting collection, city residents no longer must wait to get rid of their trees during a specific time period. Naked trees – trees without decoration, ornaments and stands – can go to the curb for collection on your curbside compost day, the same day the rest of your recycling is collected.

Christmas trees are treated similarly to the other material the Department collects for composting, where food scraps, food-soiled paper products and yard waste are turned in to finished compost or renewable energy.

Trees and natural wreaths should be set at the curb next to other compostable materials. Trees should not be wrapped in plastic bags.

Before curbside composting, the Department announced a limited number of dates Christmas trees would be collected.

Need to get rid of an artificial tree?

Residents looking to get rid of an artificial tree should separate and remove the metal base and trunk and place those parts with their other metal recycling.

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