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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that staff will be issuing the below information bulletin on Thursday, January 2nd reminding residents how to recycle their live cut Christmas tree.

Social media posts are also planned. Please feel free to share and amplify via your accounts.

Best,

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**City of Vancouver**  
**Information bulletin**

**January 2, 2025**

## **How to recycle your Christmas tree**

Recycle your live, cut Christmas tree this holiday season and turn it into nutrient-rich compost. Here are four free options for Vancouver residents:

- Bring your tree to a Lions Club chipping event
- Cut your tree into pieces and place in your green bin
- Drop off your tree at the Transfer Station or Landfill
- Set out your tree for curbside collection

To prepare your tree for recycling, remove all lights, decorations, and tinsel. Artificial trees or trees sprayed with artificial snow or foam are not accepted.

### **Lions Club tree chipping events**

Donations of cash and non-perishable food items are welcome and will be distributed to local charities.

When: Saturday January 4 and Sunday January 5, 2025  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where: Parking lots at:

- King George Secondary School
- Kitsilano Beach
- Magee Secondary School
- Trout Lake Community Centre

### **Green bin**

Cut your tree into pieces that will fit in your green bin. Pieces should be less than 50 cm (18 in) in length and less than 10 cm (4 in) in diameter and the lid of the green bin must close completely.

### **Free drop-off at Transfer Station or Landfill – until January 31**

Trees can be dropped off for free until January 31 at the following locations:

- [Vancouver South Transfer Station](#) 377 West Kent Avenue North
- [Vancouver Landfill](#), 5400 72<sup>nd</sup> Street in Delta

### **Curbside collection**

Households with City green bin service can set out their live cut tree and extra leaves for collection by 7 am on Saturday, January 11. Christmas tree collection will take place throughout the month and be completed by January 31, 2025.

To prepare the tree for curbside pickup:

- Remove all lights, ornaments and decoration
- Lay the tree on its side
- Place tree in the same spot where you normally set out your bins (be sure it is visible from the lane or street)
- Leave the tree loose (no bag, string or rope)

Collected trees and leaves are turned into nutrient-rich compost at the Vancouver Landfill. This compost is then sold to residential gardeners, commercial landscapers and municipal parks departments.

Learn more about [Christmas tree recycling options](#)

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