Pinellas residents can repurpose trees into usable, moisture-retaining mulch for the landscape

Residents are encouraged to participate in Christmas Tree-to-Mulch programs available across the county this holiday season. Trees can be processed into useful mulch. To prepare Christmas trees for mulching, residents must remove all decorations, including hooks, garland, tinsel and lights. It is important to leave trees loose for pick up, rather than placing them in a bag or trash can. Residents who live in apartments and condominiums should consult with their association or property managers for disposal instructions.

The following municipalities have Christmas Tree-to-Mulch programs:

**Clearwater:** Place tree with yard waste on regular curbside collection day. For information, call (727) 562-4920.

**Dunedin:** Place tree at curb on regularly scheduled collection day. For information, call (727) 298-3215 or visit www.dunedingov.com.

**Gulfport:** Place tree at curb or alley on regularly scheduled Wednesday yard waste pickup. Do not bag or place tree in garbage can. For multifamily units, place tree near the dumpster without blocking access. Mulch from trees will be made available to residents at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center, located at 1617 49th St. S. For more information, call (727) 893-1089.

**Indian Rocks Beach:** Place tree with yard waste on Wednesday curbside collection day. For information, call (727) 595-6889.

**Largo:** Place tree at curb on regularly scheduled yard waste day. For more information, call (727) 587-6760 or visit www.largorecycles.com.

**Madeira Beach:** Place tree with yard waste on Wednesday curbside collection day. For more information, call (727) 543-8154.

**Oldsmar:** Drop off trees at 107 Shore Drive W. (R.E. Olds Park), which is available seven days a week, dawn until dusk, from Thursday, Dec. 26 through Friday, Jan. 31. For more information, call (813) 749-1135.

**Pinellas Park:** Drop off trees at the city’s brush site, located at 12950 40th St. N., Monday through Sunday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or place tree for curbside collection with regular garbage. For more information, call (727) 369-0690.

**Safety Harbor:** Trees will be collected with yard waste beginning Thursday, Jan. 9.

**St. Petersburg:** Drop off trees at these brush sites:
- 1000 62nd Ave. N.E.
- 7750 26th Ave. N.
- 2500 26th Ave. S.
- 4015 Dr. MLK Jr. St. S.
- 2453 20th Ave. N.

Residents can also place trees at curbside by Friday, Jan. 10, for collection on Saturday, Jan 11. If the tree has not been collected by Jan. 12, call (727) 893-7398. Residents are asked to place the tree no closer than 3 feet beside the garbage container in the usual collection location (curb or alley).

**Tarpon Springs:** Drop tree off at Yard Waste Facility, located at 898 S. Levis Ave., for a fee or put out with yard waste for curbside collection on regular day. For more information, call (727) 943-4837.

**Treasure Island:** Place tree with yard waste on Wednesday curbside collection day. For more information, call (727) 547-4575, ext. 250.

For more information, call 464-7500, or visit www.pinellascounty.org/solidwaste (Live Chat option is available)
The following cities **DO NOT** offer Christmas Tree-to-Mulch programs:

Although the tree will not be mulched, it will be collected and converted into energy at Pinellas County’s Waste-to-Energy Facility. Trees collected in Belleair Beach and Kenneth City must be cut into 4-foot sections.

- Belleair ......................... 588-3769, ext. 401
- Belleair Beach .................. 595-4646, ext. 120
- Belleair Bluffs .................. 584-2151
- Belleair Shore ................... 593-9296
- Indian Shores .................... 595-4020
- Kenneth City ..................... 498-8948
- N. Redington Beach ............. 391-4848
- Redington Beach ................ 391-3875
- Redington Shores ............... 397-5538
- Seminole .......................... 397-6383 ext. 3
- South Pasadena .................. 384-0701
- St. Pete Beach ................... 363-9243

Residents of cities that do not offer tree mulching or residents living in unincorporated areas can drop off trees at Pinellas County Solid Waste

- Drop off at 3095 114th Ave. N. in St. Petersburg.
- One to five trees - $3 per load.
- Six or more trees - $39.75 per ton

Hours: Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
The facility is open Dec. 31, 2019 from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m.; it will be closed Jan. 1, 2020 to observe the New Year’s holiday.

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