



# **NEWS RELEASE**

## **St. Charles County Government**

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### **Christmas Tree Recycling**

Free service begins December 26

**St. Charles County, Missouri** – Once the gifts are opened and the relatives head home, please remember to recycle your live Christmas tree. Once again this year, St. Charles County is joining with its community partners to offer this free service.

Your tree will benefit our environment by being turned into mulch or used for fish habitat. Be sure to remove the tree stand, decorations, and plastic bag or tree cover before leaving your Christmas tree at one of the following locations.

**St. Peters** Laurel Park (upper parking lot), off McClay Rd.  
St. Peters Golf and Recreation Center, 200 Salt Lick Rd.  
St. Peters Earth Centre, 115 Ecology Dr.  
*Open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, until Jan. 19*

**Wentzville** Quail Ridge Park (group picnic area), 5501 Quail Ridge Pkwy.  
*Open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week, until Jan. 22*  
Progress Park, 968 Meyer Rd.  
*Open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week, until Jan. 20*

**O'Fallon** Civic Park (upper parking lot), 400 Civic Park Dr.  
O'Fallon Sports Park (phase I), 3589 Hwy. K  
*Open dawn to dusk, seven days a week, until Jan. 19*

**Lake Saint Louis** Boulevard Park, 2550 Lake Saint Louis Blvd.  
*Open dawn to dusk, seven days a week, until Jan. 21*

You can also “recycle” your used Christmas tree at your own home by placing it in your backyard for use as a bird feeder and sanctuary. Fresh orange slices or strung popcorn will attract the birds, and they can sit in the branches for shelter. Make sure you remove all decorations, hooks, lights, garland, and tinsel strands before placing it in your yard.

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For an even more eco-friendly option, consider purchasing a rooted (ball and burlapped or containerized) Christmas tree next year. When the holidays are over, you can plant the tree in your yard.

Your Christmas tree isn't the only holiday recyclable in your house. Non-foil gift boxes and wrapping paper can be recycled at Recycle Works West, 2110 E. Pitman Ave. in Wentzville, Monday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or at Recycle Works Central, 60 Triad South Dr. in St. Charles, Tuesday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information about St. Charles County recycling programs, call (636) 949-7415 or visit [www.scchealth.org](http://www.scchealth.org).

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