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County urges residents to recycle Christmas trees

Snohomish County is urging residents to consider recycling their Christmas tree after the holidays and offers the following tips:

- Sign up for a tree pick-up service from a local youth organization or take your tree to a community drop-off site (donations sometimes requested). Check your local newspaper, or look for community notices, for opportunities.
- If you have curbside yard debris collection service from your garbage collector, check with the operator for instructions on when, where and how to leave your tree for pick up.
- Take your tree to a local compost facility (prices and hours vary). For more information about compost facilities in your area, go to the Washington State Department of Ecology's Web site at fortress.wa.gov/ecy/recycle/.
- Chip your own tree and use it for compost or mulch in your yard.
- Take your tree to one of Snohomish County's Recycling and Transfer Stations. Go to www.snoco.org/Departments/Public_Works/Divisions/SolidWaste/Facilities for locations. Charge is \$5 per tree (effective Dec. 26 – March 31).

For more information, call 425-388-3425.

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