

Special Christmas Tree Collection is...NO LONGER SPECIAL

Real Trees and Wreaths are Collected Weekly, on Your Recycling & Compost Day;

Residents Must No Longer Wait for a Limited Tree Collection Schedule

Christmas Trees will be collected curbside this week. And next week. And the week after. And even in May!

Thanks to the expansion of citywide curbside composting, city residents no longer must follow a limited schedule to get rid of their real Christmas trees. Residents may place naked trees – trees without decoration, ornaments and stands – at the curb on their weekly composting and recycling day.

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

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.

NYC Parks will also help recycle Christmas trees during Mulchfest, from December 26, 2025 through January 11, 2026. They will chip your tree into wood chips that they will use to nourish trees and make NYC greener. Learn more: nyc.gov/mulchfest.