

***REMINDER* - Christmas Tree-cycling!**

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For residents in Brooklyn and Queens, set out your CLEAN trees and wreaths with your other composting on your Curbside Composting collection day.

For all other NYC residents, DSNY will collect clean Christmas trees and wreaths from **Friday, January 5, 2024** through **Saturday, January 13, 2024** — **weather permitting**. Christmas trees and wreaths are collected separately from your trash and recycling. They are scouted at the curb to make efficient collection routes. Your tree may not be picked up immediately, but will be picked up eventually.

Before your Christmas trees and wreaths can be collected, you MUST:

- Remove ALL lights, ornaments, and tinsel. Remove stands from trees and metal frames and wires from wreaths.
- Make sure they are not wrapped in ANY plastic or placed inside a plastic bag.
- Leave them at the curb between the designated dates (January 5 - 13).

Trees and wreaths are processed as other composting or chipped, mixed with leaves, and recycled into rich compost for NYC's parks, institutions, and community gardens.

Artificial Trees

Take apart your tree to recycle the base and trunk (pole) with metal, glass, plastic, and cartons on your recycling day. Remove all lights, ornaments and tinsel before placing at the curb. Otherwise, set it out as garbage on a regular collection day.

Make Your Own Mulch

Use evergreen boughs and branches from your Christmas tree as mulch to enrich the soil in your garden or street tree beds. Just cut off the smaller branches of your Christmas tree and remove the twigs from evergreen boughs. Lay three to four inches of these trimmings over the bare soil around street trees or in your garden. After removing the branches for mulch, you can take your tree to [MulchFest](#) or leave it out for our collection.

MulchFest

Remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel, and stands from natural trees and take them to [MulchFest](#) for free chipping.

For more information on Christmas tree collection and recycling visit www.nyc.gov/dsny or call 311.

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It's the hap-happiest season of all! The New York City Department of Sanitation has announced Christmas tree collection guidance for City residents.

All residents of Brooklyn and Queens, boroughs already receiving curbside composting collection may simply place their tree out, with their food scraps and yard waste, for collection on their regularly scheduled compost and recycling day. This is the first time trees can be set out as curbside compost collection, and is just one of many ways New York City's composting program is the easiest ever.

Residents of the **Bronx, Manhattan and Staten Island** should place their tree out at the curb for collection beginning Friday, January 5, 2024. Collection will run through Saturday, January 13, barring delays that may be caused by winter weather events. As a reminder, these Christmas trees are collected separately from trash and recycling, and patience is appreciated as pick-up may not occur immediately; trees are collected with other trees, and the Department scouts trees at the curb to make efficient routes.

No matter the borough, residents choosing to take advantage of curbside collection should **remove all stands, tinsel, lights and ornaments** before putting trees out for collection. Do NOT wrap trees in plastic bags.

After collection, the Christmas trees will be chipped, mixed with leaves, and recycled into compost for the city's parks, institutions and community gardens.

Need to get rid of an artificial tree?

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.

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