

# CITY OF DOWNEY

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### **DOWNEY CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING**

Downey residents receiving automated curbside trash collection service may place their Christmas trees on the curbside on their regular trash collection day. Collection of trees will run from December 26 through January 16.

The trees will be collected by CalMet Services, the city's franchised refuse hauler, and taken to the Puente Hills Landfill, where they will be composted or ground up and used for the County Sanitation Districts' Landfill Cover Project.

Here are a few reminders before placing your tree out:

- All tree stands must be removed
- All decorations must be removed
- Trees over four feet should be cut in half
- Do NOT place your tree in a bag
- Flocked trees are OK

Commercial accounts (businesses and apartments) may call CalMet at 562-259-1239 ext. 7 for FREE pick-up of holiday trees. However, trees must be set out at the curb, not by trash bins.

Residents and businesses may also bring Christmas trees to a *Tree Drop-off Bin* at the city's Public Works Yard parking lot. The drop-off bin will be available from Monday, December 28 through Friday, January 15. The Public Works yard is located at 12324 Bellflower Blvd., behind Independence Park.

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