

## Green Holiday Suggestions

### Do Riverside County Landfills accept this waste?

Yes

No  
 (See Disposal Locations)

Conditionally  
 (See Special Conditions)

Case by case  
 (See Approval Process)

### Are there other alternatives for this waste?

Yes  
 (See Alternative Recycling Locations)

No

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### Reduce, Reuse and Recycling Opportunities

Christmas and other holidays are typically huge, waste-generating times for everyone. However, with a little forethought they don't have to be. Buying gifts and packaging with our earth in mind can be very easy and will alert others to your commitment to preserving our natural resources. Here are a few simple ideas to reduce your waste load and limit the amount of trash that goes to the landfill.

- Reduce the gift wrapping load by giving gifts of entertainment such as movie or theater tickets or gift cards to restaurants.
- Try to limit the amount of packaging gifts are wrapped in. Ask yourself "Does this gift really need a box?" Consider using gift bags or a beautiful fabric ribbon instead. They can be reused for years!
- Christmas cards can be reused in a variety of ways, instead of being thrown away. The front can be used as a postcard to send to friends throughout the year. Or they can be used to decorate your house next year!
- Be sure to compost food scraps from holiday meals, especially the traditionally unwanted fruit cake. Did you know a 1 year old fruitcake can still be composted?
- Reuse all the packaging materials that you can, for example line a dresser drawer with wrap paper.
- Buy gifts from recycled materials for your family. You will help to close the recycling loop and demonstrate to your loved ones your commitment to saving our precious natural resources.
- Be sure to recycle your gift wrap and all cardboard packaging from gift giving.
- Be sure to recycle your Christmas Tree! It can be ground up into valuable mulch used for ground cover.

For more information on a green holiday season, visit the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) Website at [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/Events/XmasRecycle](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/Events/XmasRecycle) or call 916-341-6500.

## Special Conditions for Recycling

Natural Christmas trees can be recycled and made into useful mulch or compost. The Department encourages residents to recycle Christmas Trees and save valuable landfill space.

### Christmas Trees must be prepared for recycling.

- Remove all decorations, tinsel, lights, and tree stands.
- Most trash haulers will be collecting Christmas trees for two weeks after Christmas.
- Place the prepared tree NEXT to the green waste container on your regular pick-up day.
- Trees over 4 feet tall should be cut in half.

## Flocked Trees

**Flocked Trees CANNOT be recycled** and must be disposed of with regular municipal solid waste. For curbside pick-up services, cut-up flocked trees to fit inside the trashcan with regular refuse.

Flocked trees taken to any landfill (or unflocked trees taken to desert landfills) will be charged the Green Waste disposal rate. For the current fee schedule, please visit the Department's website at [http://www.rivcowm.org/opencms/landfill\\_info/landfill\\_fees.html](http://www.rivcowm.org/opencms/landfill_info/landfill_fees.html)

## Alternative Recycling Locations

The locations listed below accept up to three (3) Christmas Trees per household for FREE **until January 14, 2012**. All trees must be unflocked and prepared for recycling (strip tree of all ornamentation).

- A. Lua Wood Recycling, 18938 Mermack Ave., Lake Elsinore (951) 245-4497
- B.P. John Recycling, 28700 Matthews Rd., Romoland (951) 969-1144
- Burrtec Compost Facility, 87-011 Landfill Rd., Coachella (760) 863-4364
- Burrtec Recycle Center 41800 Corporate Way Palm Desert (760) 340-2113
- Burrtec/Robert A Nelson Transfer Station, 1830 Agua Mansa Rd., Riverside (951) 786-0544
- California Biomass, 83-109 Avenue 62, Thermal (760) 399-4128
- County of Riverside Badlands Landfill, 31125 Ironwood Ave, Moreno Valley (951) 486-3200
- County of Riverside Lamb Canyon Landfill, 16411 Lamb Canyon Rd., Beaumont (951) 486-3200
- S A Recycling, 29-250 Rios de Sol, Thousand Palms (760) 343-0499

## Riverside County Landfill Charges

Trees brought to Blythe, Oasis, Mecca, or Desert Center landfills will **not** be recycled. Landfill fee rates will apply. For the current fee schedule, see link provided above.

*This information above is offered as a public service in an effort to eliminate illegal and improper waste disposal. As the information may not be comprehensive, the Department encourages the public to research additional companies that are available for the services sought. The companies are not affiliated, endorsed or regulated by the Department. Accordingly, as with any professional service, please confirm the accuracy of the company's information and request copies or verification of the company's license and/or permits to provide the service, prior to utilizing its services. Under no circumstances, directly or indirectly, shall the Department be held responsible or liable for reliance on this information. If you would like to include your company on the list, please contact [wasteapproval@co.riverside.ca.us](mailto:wasteapproval@co.riverside.ca.us) or call (951) 486-3200.*

### Internal Operating Procedures

A    B    C    D    E    F    G    H    Not applicable

Note: Internal Operating Procedure A applies to flocked trees and landfills without greenwaste processing.  
Internal Operating Procedure D applies to landfills with greenwaste processing as described in the Waste Recycling Program Guide.