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Kern County Residents Can Recycle their Christmas Trees at Various Locations for Free

December 26, 2023 – January 8, 2024

KERN COUNTY, Calif., December 13, 2023 – Kern County Public Works' Christmas Tree Recycling Program, which runs from Tuesday, December 26, 2023, through Monday, January 8, 2024, provides residents an opportunity to recycle one of their most cherished holiday centerpieces – their Christmas tree!

The program encourages residents throughout the County to recycle their Christmas trees at various County and partnering locations to prevent trees from being illegally dumped or improperly recycled in the residential greenwaste container.

Kern County residents can recycle their Christmas trees in one of the following ways:

1. Residents can recycle their Christmas trees into their greenwaste container if the tree is **cut into small pieces to fit into their container with the removal of the tree stand, all decorations, and nails. The container lid must be able to securely close.** Whole trees and flocked trees are not accepted.
2. Residents can self-haul whole Christmas trees to one of 24 drop-off locations throughout Kern County from December 26, 2023, through January 8, 2024.
3. Compost at home! Christmas trees can be cut up and used in compost piles as part of a healthy compost mix. Make sure it's free of flocking and other contaminants.

If you prefer to take your Christmas tree to one of the drop-off locations, please tarp and secure your load properly. **Don't forget to remove all ornaments, bulbs, lights, decorations, and plastic or metal tree stands before dropping off your Christmas tree. No flocked trees.**

Attachment: 2023 Christmas Tree Recycling Drop-Off Locations

For more information, visit <https://www.kernpublicworks.com/services/solid-waste/recycling/christmas-tree-recycling-program> and follow us on Facebook at [@KernCountyPublicWorks](https://www.facebook.com/KernCountyPublicWorks).

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