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CITY TO ASSIST IN RECYCLING LIVE CHRISTMAS TREES

Flocked and artificial trees considered garbage items, cannot be recycled

MUSCATINE, Iowa – The City of Muscatine will once again assist Muscatine and Fruitland residents in the recycling of their live Christmas trees. Starting on January 4, 2023, the Solid Waste Division will be collecting live Christmas trees placed curbside as part of their yard waste collection service.



There are many types of Christmas trees including live, flocked, and artificial. Flocked trees are live trees that have been coated with a white, snow-like spray. Each type of tree has different disposal options, so please take a moment to determine how to properly dispose of your tree.

Unflocked live trees will be collected by the City of Muscatine on the resident's refuse collection day starting on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, and continuing through Friday, January 27, 2023. The trees must be placed next to the curb for collection.

To prepare the unflocked live tree for curbside collection, remove all ornaments, wires, and decorations from the tree along with any stand or other metal objects. **Do not place the tree in a plastic bag.** Trees taller than five feet should be cut into two sections.



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Flocked and artificial trees along with wreaths are considered garbage items and cannot be recycled. These items can be taken to the Muscatine Transfer Station for disposal or residents can call the Transfer Station to schedule a curbside pickup.

For more information on recycling Christmas trees or how to prepare the live tree for collection, contact the Transfer Station at (563) 263-9689.

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