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News Release

For Immediate Release

Options Available for Recycling Christmas Trees

The Department of Public Works Solid Waste Division would like to remind Springfield residents that Christmas trees are not accepted at Missouri landfills. However, several options are available for recycling your tree.

Bass Pro Shops

Bass Pro will accept trees at the fenced area at the northwest end of the Bass Pro Shops parking lot directly behind the store at 1935 S. Campbell Ave.

Dates accepted: Dec. 26-Jan. 1
Hours: Noon to 6 p.m. daily
Fee: $2 per tree; benefitting the Boy Scouts
Uses: Trees are used for fish habitat
Special Instructions: Remove all icicles, ornaments, tree stand and no flocked trees accepted.

For more information, contact: Larry Whiteley, 873-5022.

Wickman's

Wickman's will accept trees at 1345 S. Fort Ave., in Springfield, and at 10791 U.S. 60 in Monett.

Dates accepted: Dec. 26-Jan. 13
Hours: In Springfield — 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Friday; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. In Monett — 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday.
Fee: $5 at both locations; proceeds donated to The Kitchen
Uses: Trees will be ground into wood chip mulch, which is available for free. Bring your own container.
Special instructions: Remove all icicles, ornaments, tree stand and no flocked trees accepted.

For more information, contact: 862-3707 (Springfield); or 235-1112 (Monett) or visit: www.wickmans.com

City of Springfield Yardwaste Recycling Center

The YRC will accept Christmas trees.

Directions: West on Sunshine (U.S. 60); south of Farm Road 115. Turn left on Farm Road 164. Follow signs to Yardwaste Recycling Center.
Dates accepted: Year round. The Center will be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.
Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday; closed Sundays and Mondays.
Fees: Donations are accepted; the brush recycling fee of $3 will be waived for Christmas
trees through Jan. 29, 2011; otherwise, the $3 gate fee will apply. Existing commercial fees will apply to commercial loads, including Christmas trees.

**Special instructions:** Remove all icicles, ornaments and tree stand.

**Note:** Trees are not accepted at the Franklin and Lone Pine recycling centers.

**For more information, contact:** Recycling Hotline, 864-1904; or visit: [http://mospringfield.civicplus.com/465/Recycling](http://mospringfield.civicplus.com/465/Recycling)

For more information about Christmas tree recycling, contact: Ted O'Neill, Superintendent of Solid Waste Management, 864-1905.