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PRESS RELEASE

ANN ARBOR'S CHRISTMAS TREE DROP-OFF & COLLECTION SCHEDULE

ANN ARBOR, Mich. -- December 1, 2009 -- The City of Ann Arbor will collect holiday evergreen trees from the residential curbside during a one-week period, Monday, January 18 through Friday, January 22, 2010.

All tree stands, nails, ornaments, tinsel and plastic bags must be removed and discarded before leaving the tree at the curb by 7 a.m. on normal trash collection days. The collected evergreen trees are chipped into mulch or composted. Any metal, glass or plastic ornaments left on the tree can ruin the processing equipment, harm the operators, and spoil the landscaping mulch. In the event that street snow or ice buries the trees and hampers collection, the trees will not be able to be collected until after a thaw. Since wreaths and evergreen roping are generally made with wire or plastic backing, these items should be placed inside trash carts.

Undecorated Christmas trees may also be dropped off in the parking lot adjacent to the Drop-Off Station at 2950 E. Ellsworth starting December 15 through Saturday, January 30.

Beginning in February, Christmas trees must be delivered to the Drop-Off Station during normal operating hours, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, 734.971.7400, for a small fee.

The trees may be cut—and tied into a bundle—or placed inside a compost cart for curbside Compostable collection, which resumes in April. Ann Arbor residents may also deliver up to 1 cubic yard (6 paper yard waste bags) of acceptable yard debris, including trees at no charge per visit to the municipal Compost Center, 734.794.6380, open week days 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Residents must check into the MRF scalehouse before depositing the materials. Non-residents will be assessed a disposal fee.

For 24-hour information on the city's solid waste services, please phone 723.99.GREEN or view the city's Web site at www.a2gov.org/compost.