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## WASTE SERVICES UNAFFECTED BY MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY; –and– CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING OPTIONS AVAILABLE

ANN ARBOR, Mich. -- January 12, 2010 – The City of Ann Arbor's trash and recycling collection programs will provide services without interruption on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 18, 2010, and throughout the week. City Hall offices, only, will be closed on the holiday Monday. The Drop-Off Station on 2950 E. Ellsworth Road is normally closed on Mondays.

The City of Ann Arbor will collect holiday evergreen trees from the residential curbside during a one-week period, starting Tuesday, Jan. 19 through Friday, Jan. 22, and cover the Monday routes on Jan. 25, 2010. The holiday evergreen collection may experience some delays in order to provide the curbside pickup service without incurring staffing overtime. If you feel your tree has been missed, please log in your address using the online Citizen Request System posted on the city's main Web page at [www.a2gov.org](http://www.a2gov.org).

All tree stands, nails, ornaments, tinsel and plastic bags must be removed and discarded before leaving the tree at the curb before 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, they 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 in trash carts.

Undecorated Christmas trees may also be dropped off in the parking lot adjacent to the Drop-Off Station at 2950 E. Ellsworth through Friday, January 29. Beginning in February, Christmas trees must be delivered to the Drop-Off Station during normal operating hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, 734.971.7400, for a small fee.

The trees may also be cut and tied into a bundle or placed inside a compost cart for weekly curbside Compostable collection, which resumes Monday, April 5, 2010.

For 24-hour information on the city's solid waste services, please call 734.994.2807 or contact the city's Web site at [www.a2gov.org/recycle](http://www.a2gov.org/recycle).

*Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and was named the No. 1 Healthiest Hometown in the U.S. by AARP The Magazine in 2008. Other notable recognitions include: No. 27 of the top 100 U.S. cities to live in by CNN/Money Magazine in 2008, as well as the fourth smartest city in the U.S. by Forbes Magazine. The city's mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that fosters, fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve.*

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