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LAST WEEK TO RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE IN DENVER

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DENVER, CO – This is the **last week for residents in Denver to participate in the 2009 Treecycle program**. Residents with Monday collections and Dumpster service should have already had their trees out for collection today (Jan. 12th). All other residents should have their tree out for collection on their scheduled collection day this week. All Denver residents whose trash is collected by **Denver Public Works/Solid Waste Management** may participate by setting their Christmas tree out for collection.

All the trees collected will then be ground into mulch and made available **free** to Denver residents in the spring at the “2009 Treecycle Mulch Giveaway & LeafDrop Compost Sale.” It is vital that residents set their trees out for collection during Treecycle so there is an ample supply of trees to grind into the free mulch. Additional to the recycling benefits of the Treecycle program, every tree collected helps Denver avoid using landfill space and paying disposal fees.

When recycling your Christmas tree remember to:

- (1) **Remove all decorations, tinsel, nails, stands and bags from your tree.** Sorry, artificial or flocked trees cannot be recycled. Christmas trees only.
- (2) Set your tree out for collection as follows depending on the type of trash collection service you have:
 - **TRASH CAN and BARREL CUSTOMERS:** Set your tree at least 4 feet away from your trash container by 7 AM on your scheduled trash day during either the **week of January 5th or the week of January 12th**. Call 3-1-1 if your tree has not been picked up by 3 PM on your trash day during the week of January 12th.
 - **DUMPSTER CUSTOMERS:** Set out your tree by 7 AM, on either **Monday, January 5th or Monday, January 12th**. Place your Christmas tree just behind your property on the edge of the alley and make sure the tree is not placed up against the dumpster. **DO NOT place trees in the dumpsters.** Call 3-1-1 if your tree has not been collected by 3 PM on Thursday, January 15th.

Residents may call after April 1, 2009 for more information on when the “2009 Treecycle Mulch Giveaway and Leafdrop Compost Sale” will be held.

If for some reason you miss your Treecycle collection day, please call 3-1-1 for drop-off options (available to the end of January only).

For more information about Treecycle and other Denver Recycles programs visit www.Denvergov.org/DenverRecycles or call 3-1-1.

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