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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 again assist residents of Muscatine and Fruitland to recycle their live Christmas trees. Over the course of the next four weeks, the Solid Waste Division will be collecting live Christmas trees 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.

Live and unflocked trees will be collected by the City from Monday, December 30, 2019, through Friday, January 24, 2020, on the resident's refuse collection day. The trees must be placed on the curb for collection.

To prepare the 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 are considered garbage items. 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.