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### Recycling Your Christmas Tree

What are your options for recycling your Christmas tree? The Kern County Public Works Department has all the answers! Kern County residents are urged to recycle their Christmas trees in one of the following options:

1. In the metro-Bakersfield area, residents can place Christmas trees into their GREEN WASTE CONTAINER as long as the tree is cut into small pieces and the container lid is completely closed. Whole trees are not accepted. The garbage hauler will take it to the Mount Vernon Green Waste Recycling Facility.
2. Contact one of the non-profit organizations in Kern County that pick-up Christmas trees for a small donation. Check your local newspaper for contact information or go to [KernPublicWorks.com](http://KernPublicWorks.com).
3. Residents can self-haul whole Christmas trees to one of 24 drop-off locations throughout Kern County (**see attached list**) from December 26, 2018 through January 6, 2019.

If you prefer to take your Christmas trees to one of the drop-off locations, please tarp and secure your load properly. Don't forget to remove all ornaments, lights, and the tree stand prior to recycling the Christmas tree.

For more information, visit our webpage at [www.kernpublicworks.com](http://www.kernpublicworks.com) or give us a call at (661) 862-8900.

Attachment: 2018 Kern County Christmas Tree Recycling Drop-Off Locations & Pick-up Organizations