



## Christmas Tree Collection Options

**E**ach year Fremont residents buy thousands of Christmas trees that could end up in landfills if they are not properly composted. You can reduce the environmental impact of the holiday season by purchasing and then planting a live tree, using an artificial (reusable) tree, or having Republic Services pick up your tree at the curb (if you have curbside service) to compost the tree. Cut, live trees are compostable if they are free of all decorations, tinsel, nails, and tree stands (including the wooden kind, nailed to the bottom of the trunk). Any tree that is flocked, contains fire retardant, decorations, or tinsel cannot be composted and will be disposed of in the landfill.

### A. Green Organics Bin

Cut compostable tree so that pieces fit loosely in your organics bin with the lid closed. Place the bin at the curb on your scheduled collection day.

### B. Gutter

If your tree is less than 6 feet in length, place the whole tree in the gutter on your collection day. If your tree is over 6 feet in length, cut the tree in half and place both halves in the gutter on your collection day. Make sure your tree is free of all decorations and place it in the gutter, not on the sidewalk. This will help keep our storm drains litter-free.

### C. Garbage Bin

(Please use this option only as a last resort.

If possible, compost your tree first.) For a non-compostable tree, please cut it up so that pieces fit loosely in your garbage bin with the lid closed. Place the bin at the curb on your scheduled collection day.

### Additional Options

You can also drop off your tree at the Republic Services Customer Service Center, located at 42600 Boyce Road from December 29, 2014 through January 30, 2015. The customer service center is open from Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Compostable trees may be dropped off for free; there is a \$5 charge to drop trees with flocking, fire retardant, decorations, or tinsel. If you have any questions regarding pick-up or drop-off service, please call Republic Services at (510) 657-3500.

**Or use the coupon below.**

**Please Note:** Garbage, recycling, and yardwaste collection by Republic Services for Thursday and Friday residential customers only during the weeks of December 22 and December 29 will be collected one day later than usual. Call (510) 657-3500 for more information.

### Coupon for Boy Scout Pickup (cut along dotted line)

Please include all information requested on the coupon.

Mail coupon to: **BSA Holiday Trees**, Mike Whittaker,  
2356 Night Shade Lane, Fremont, CA 94539

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

Nearest Cross Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Tree: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Make check or money order payable to:

**Boy Scouts of America** and mark the following:

\$5 compostable tree or  \$10 non-compostable tree

