

Vernal Area Guide to Recycling Holiday Trees

The Bureau of Land Management Utah Vernal Field Office, along with the Vernal Chamber of Commerce Conservation Issues Committee, is pleased to announce an environmentally-friendly opportunity for area residents—the holiday tree recycling program.

Some statistics say an impressive 93 percent of all Christmas trees are recycled, but is that statistic true in the Vernal planning area? Promoting the holiday tree recycling program can help ensure the Vernal area meets or exceeds this statistic.

Tree recycling reduces the amount of material deposited in area landfills and helps the environment by turning trees into things like mulch, soil erosion barriers, or fish and bird feeders.

Recycling a holiday tree is easy!

1. When it is time to take down the holiday tree, remove all non-organic tree accessories that could contaminate the recycling process. These include the tree stand, lights, tinsel and ornaments. Unfortunately, flocked trees cannot be recycled.
2. Place the tree in a sheet or old blanket and take it to 100 West 100 North, Vernal, Utah, between Dec. 26, 2009 and Jan. 10, 2010. Trees in plastic tree bags cannot be recycled.

Holiday Tree Recycling

December 26, 2009 – January 10, 2010

Recycling holiday trees is good for our environment.

Do your part and recycle your holiday tree!

Where:

100 West 100 North, Vernal, Utah (Behind Old Towne Printing)

What to Do:

Remove all non-organic holiday accessories such as lights, tinsel and ornaments

- **Flocked trees cannot be recycled**

Place the tree in an old sheet or blanket and bring it to the recycling center Dec. 26-Jan. 10

- **Trees in plastic bags cannot be recycled**

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Please remember that burning your holiday trees inside is never a good idea. The high content of flammable oils in firs and other evergreens contributes to creosote buildup and increases the risk of a devastating chimney fire.

Play it safe and recycle your holiday tree!