



## City of Middletown

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### **MIDDLETOWN ANNOUNCES CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM**

The City of Middletown's Christmas Tree Collection and Recycling Program will continue as it has in the past and commence on Thursday, January 4, 2020, weather permitting. Public Works trucks will circulate through the City for two weeks to collect Christmas trees set out at the curb. This special recycling program is being provided to City residents as part of the City's overall effort to reduce waste and reuse and recycle discarded materials.

Christmas trees can either be brought to the City Recycling Center free of charge for recycling or placed at the curb for collection by the Middletown Public Works Department during the first two weeks of January, weather permitting. All trees must be prepared accordingly:

1. All decorations must be removed, including tinsel.
2. Plastic bags must also be removed.
3. Trees should be placed bottom end facing the curb.

The collection schedule will depend upon weather conditions. Heavy snow will delay collection of the trees.

Trees delivered directly to the Recycling Center must also have all decorations removed and be emptied from plastic bags. Proof of residency is necessary to enter the Recycling Center. There is no charge to bring trees to the Recycling Center. The Center is open Monday – Friday 7a.m. – 2:45p.m. and the first and third Saturday of the month, 7a.m. – 11:45 am.

Christmas trees are chipped along with regular brush from residents and the chips are given away free of charge to Middletown residents and businesses. Large loads of woodchips (more than five cubic yards) are delivered to residents free of charge.

For more information on Christmas tree recycling or woodchip delivery, contact the Middletown Recycling Coordinator at 860-638-4855 or email Kim O'Rourke at [kim.orourke@middletownct.gov](mailto:kim.orourke@middletownct.gov).