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### Recycle Your Holiday Tree With Ease!

**San Diego County, CA** – According to the National Christmas Tree Association, 25-30 million holiday trees are sold each year in the United States and unfortunately many of them are sent to our landfills. This holiday season I Love A Clean San Diego (ILACSD) and the County of San Diego have joined together to encourage residents to recycle their holiday trees instead of sending them to a landfill. Throwing away your holiday tree needlessly wastes a natural resource and decreases the life of local landfills. Trees and other yard wastes can be easily made into compost and mulch which are then used to improve soil health at residences, public parks and local farms.

**Get your questions answered.** ILACSD and the County have made finding out how to recycle holiday trees convenient. Visit the County's Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste database at [www.WasteFreeSD.org](http://www.WasteFreeSD.org) or call 1-877-R-1-EARTH (1-877-713-2784) to learn how and where to recycle your holiday tree. In addition, below is a list of communities that currently offer curbside pick-up and/or tree recycling drop-off locations.

**Find a Convenient Pick-up or Drop-off option.** Most waste haulers offer special holiday tree recycling programs to pick up trees with yard waste on regular collection days. In addition to curbside pick-up, tree drop-off sites are located in the communities of:

Bonsall	Fallbrook	Ramona
Carlsbad	Imperial Beach	San Marcos
Chula Vista	Jamul	Santee
Coronado	Lakeside	Solana Beach
Crest	La Mesa	Valley Center
Del Mar	Lemon Grove	Vista
El Cajon	National City	And several communities in
Escondido	Poway	the City of San Diego

A complete list of tree recycling locations is also available at [www.WasteFreeSD.org](http://www.WasteFreeSD.org) or by calling 1-877-R-1-EARTH.

I Love A Clean San Diego operates San Diego County's official recycling website and call center which refers thousands of residents to the proper facilities to recycle or dispose of almost anything. From broken surfboards to wine corks, railroad ties to cooking oil, ILACSD's one-stop recycling resource makes recycling quick and convenient. San Diego County residents can go to: [www.WasteFreeSD.org](http://www.WasteFreeSD.org) or call 1-877-R-1-EARTH to learn how to recycle holiday trees as well as hundreds of other items.

**About I Love A Clean San Diego:** Celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, I Love A Clean San Diego (ILACSD) is the go-to organization for programs that enhance and conserve San Diego County's environment. Through recycling, education and cleanups of the region's most beloved areas, ILACSD provides pollution prevention programs that pave the way for a cleaner and healthier San Diego right now, and for future generations.

In 2013, ILACSD with the support of 30,505 volunteers, removed 220 tons of debris from San Diego communities, conducted 219 cleanups and gave 600 education presentations reaching 31,000 people. ILACSD is an award-winning, environmental program innovator, with recent recognition from Keep America Beautiful. The organization's innovative programs and initiatives prove ILACSD is a leader in the environmental movement. For more information, to volunteer or donate, visit [www.cleansd.org](http://www.cleansd.org) or call (619) 291-0103. Connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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