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Recycle Your Christmas Tree After the Holidays and Help Revitalize Park Trails

Drop off undecorated trees between Dec. 26 and Jan. 28

The holidays are approaching, but it is not too early to consider what to do with your Christmas tree after you open the presents and take down the decorations.

In Wake County, Christmas trees have another purpose beyond the holiday season. Through the [Happy Trails Christmas Tree Recycling Program](#), Wake County residents can have their Christmas trees recycled into mulch, which is then used to improve trails at county parks. The program is a partnership between [Wake County's Solid Waste Management Division](#), and the [Parks, Recreation and Open Space Division](#).

All Wake County residents are invited to drop off their real, undecorated trees for recycling at the following locations from Dec. 26, 2017, until Jan. 28, 2018. Please note that all facilities will be closed Jan. 1, 2018, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday.

Convenience Centers from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., seven days a week:

- Site 1 – 10505 Old Stage Road, Garner

- Site 2 – 6025 Old Smithfield Road, Apex
- Site 4 – 3600 Yates Mill Pond Road, Raleigh
- Site 11 – Wendell Blvd., Wendell

County parks from 8 a.m. until sunset, seven days a week:

- Blue Jay Point County Park – 3200 Pleasant Union Church Road, Raleigh
- Harris Lake County Park – 2112 County Park Drive, New Hill
- Lake Crabtree County Park – 1400 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville
- North Wake Landfill District Park – 9300 Deponie Drive, Raleigh

Decorated and fake trees will not be accepted.

Since 2012, more than 22,696 trees have been collected through the Happy Trails program, resulting in approximately 453 tons of nutrient-rich, aroma-filled mulch to improve Wake County's park trails. Last year, residents recycled 5,261 trees, creating more than 105 tons of mulch.

About the Wake County Solid Waste Management Division

The Wake County Solid Waste Management Division provides waste disposal and recycling services to residents and businesses in Wake County. The division manages 17 waste facilities including a landfill, waste transfer station, residential waste and recycling convenience centers, household hazardous waste and multi-material recycling drop-off facilities. To learn more, visit www.wakegov.com/recycling.

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