

## Real Christmas Trees are Recyclable

After the holidays, don't throw your Real Christmas Tree in the trash or set it on the curb. **Real Christmas Trees are biodegradable, which means they can be easily reused or recycled** for mulch and other purposes. Here are some recycling options and tips on what to do with your tree after the holidays. Every community is different, but in general, you have these options:

***Curbside pick-up for recycling:*** Call Cambridge DPW at 410-228-1955 to be placed on the pickup schedule. DPW will pick-up the trees on Mondays, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> following New Year's Day. There are requirements such as: removing ornaments, tinsel, hooks, flocking, etc.

***Take your tree to a drop-off recycling center:*** Cambridge DPW has a free drop-off location at 705 Leonard Lane. Place trees next to the light posts at the end of the gravel parking area.

### Removing Your Tree

The best way to avoid a mess removing your tree is to place a plastic tree bag (available at hardware stores) underneath the stand when you set the tree up. You can hide it with a tree skirt. Then, when the holidays are done, pull the bag up around the tree, stand and all, and carry it outside. Obviously, you will want to remove the stand before recycling the tree. If some needles do scatter inside, it is better to sweep them up; needles can clog vacuum cleaners.