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Press Release

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HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLING

What would the world be without evergreens? Certainly different! Somehow other trees just don't match the festive nature of evergreens for Christmas time and other winter festivities but when it's time to dispose of them, make sure you recycle them! The Monroe County Solid Waste Management District ("District") partners with **Republic Services** and **Good Earth LLC**, to provide holiday tree recycling from **December 26, 2017** through **January 13, 2018**. Trees will be accepted at all five District recycling centers. All trees brought to the District for recycling must be cleared of all decorations, including, but not limited to, ornaments, lights, artificial snow, garland and tinsel. **NO ARTIFICIAL TREES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING.**

Trees will be accepted at the following locations during normal business hours between the dates of December 26, 2017 and January 13, 2018 as follows:

THE SOUTH WALNUT RECYCLING CENTER (3400 South Walnut Street)

Tuesday through Saturday 7:30 am to 5:30 pm

RURAL RECYCLING CENTERS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 7am to 6 pm

The Ellettsville Recycling Center, 6200 North Matthews Drive

The Westside Recycling Center, 341 North Oard Road, (off St. Rd. 48, west of 37)

The Southside Recycling Center, 400 West Dillman Road, (1/8 mile west of 37)

The Northeast Recycling Center, 6015 East State Road 45, New Unionville, off E. Bethel Lane

Remember, it's best to compost holiday trees in your yard if you have the space. They make great shelter areas for wildlife and they return valuable nutrients into the earth. According to the University of Illinois Extension "Christmas Tree Facts" web page, ninety three percent of real Holiday tree consumers recycle their tree in their garden, backyard, or one of over 4,000 community recycling programs. Old Holiday trees have been used to make sand and soil erosion barriers, and in lakes and ponds for fish shelter. University of Illinois Extension also states that today ninety-eight percent of all Holiday trees are grown on more than 15,000 Holiday tree farms, and this industry employs approximately 100,000 people. One acre of Holiday trees provides the daily oxygen requirements of 18 people, and there are 350,000 acres of land growing approximately 350 million Holiday trees across all 50 states. Real Holiday trees provide environmental benefits throughout their lifespan. Artificial trees have an average useful lifespan of 5-7 years and last for hundreds of years in a landfill. For more information on recycling holiday trees, **call the District at 349-2020 or refer to the web site at gogreendistrict.com**

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