

# Give back this Season! REPURPOSE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

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HOW



UNDECORATED,  
UNFLOCKED  
and  
UNBAGGED  
trees will be  
beneficially  
repurposed!

Remove All Decorations and Stand  
Do Not Place Tree in a Bag

## TREE DROP-OFF

**Dec. 28 – Jan. 14** - Drop-off dates for Christmas trees at the 5 drop-off sites:

- \* Independence Park (lot off Lobdell)
- \* Highland Road Park (14024 Highland Road)
- \* Memorial Stadium (lot near Scenic & Foss)
- \* Flannery Road Park (801 S. Flannery)
- \* LSU (Skip Bertman Dr. across from Vet School)

## TREE CURBSIDE PICKUP

- \* East Baton Rouge Parish (excluding Baker and Zachary) should place their trees at the curb, where they will be picked up during their normally scheduled once a week yard waste collection day.
- \* Place undecorated trees loose at the curb 3 ft. from garbage cart and unbundled trash.
- \* Trees with flocking, decorations, stands or in bags will be picked up as trash and not repurposed.

## HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULES

For East Baton Rouge Parish Residents

- \* **Christmas Day:** No Garbage & Recycling Pickup. Services will resume on the next regular scheduled collection day.
- \* **New Year's Day:** Garbage and Recycling service will be running its normal schedule.

For more information:  
[www.brla.gov/recycle](http://www.brla.gov/recycle)



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# How to have a Green Christmas

**1. Think outside the box:** Provide a personal touch to your gift giving this holiday season, while reducing the waste stream, by offering your time, energy or expertise vs. buying products. Offering to clean your loved one's home or cooking dinner a few nights each week is far more memorable than anything you can put in a box. Those who receive your labor of love, along with the planet, will thank you! **Need ideas? Visit: [eartheasy.com](http://eartheasy.com)**

**2. Buy used items:** Instead of purchasing new gifts, discover great deals at antique stores, consignment shops, flea markets or estate sales. Those unique and unusual finds support recycling and are sure to please everyone on your Christmas list. **Check out [antiquemalls.com](http://antiquemalls.com) or [estatesales.net](http://estatesales.net) for local venues.**

**3. Choose alternatives to wrapping paper:** Create attractive gift wrap by reusing fabric, the Sunday comics or old maps. If you prefer buying gift wrap, avoid the metal lined version as it isn't recyclable, and shop for wrapping paper made from recycled content. **Learn how to make your own gift wrap at: [eartheasy.com](http://eartheasy.com)**

**4. Look for gifts made from recycled materials:** Buying products made from post-consumer recycled material supports the recycling initiative in a greater way than simply contributing by recycling your daily waste. The recycled goods marketplace is full of creative and unique gifts. **[UncommonGoods.com](http://UncommonGoods.com) or [Etsy.com](http://Etsy.com) are just a couple of the sites offering upcycled or recycled gift choices.**

**5. Skip Disposables:** Instead of using single-use items, such as plastic-ware and paper napkins, step it up this Christmas and switch to dishes and cloth napkins. Not only are they reusable, but you can find charming mismatched sets of china and dishes that can be used again and again. **Check out [thethriftshopper.com](http://thethriftshopper.com) and enter in your zip code for a list of nearby locations.**

**6. Consider Experience-Based Gifts:** Give experiences such as cooking lessons, a hiking tour, pottery lessons or show tickets. These types of gifts will leave lasting memories for those receiving them and reduce your contribution to the waste stream as a bonus!



## Holiday Curbside Recycling Tips:

- \* Recycle wrapping paper, tissue paper, cardboard boxes and tubes, cards and gift boxes
- \* Flatten oversize cardboard boxes and place next to cart
- \* No toys or foiled-lined wrapping paper



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