

Media Release

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON 3400 – 30 Street Vernon, BC V1T 5E6

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NEW Christmas Tree Disposal and Recycling Drop Off Location

Residents of the City of Vernon are encouraged to recycle their fresh Christmas trees, free of charge, through the Christmas tree disposal program.

Live trees can be dropped off at the Marshall Field parking lot, located at the west entrance to 6891 Okanagan Landing Road, between December 27, 2024, and January 18, 2025 (See attached map below).

The parking lot gate will be open 7 days a week from 7:30 a.m. to dusk, with the gate closed on statutory holidays (December 25, 26, and January 1).

Please note, this is a change from last year's location, which was at the current construction site of the Active Living Centre. **Trees will not be accepted at the former location**.

Signage will be installed at the drop-off site to guide residents to the location and provide important instructions for tree disposal.

If participating in the program, remember:

- Remove all lights, decorations, and tree stands;
- Other yard waste, commercial trees, artificial trees, trees with flocking/tinsel/spray foam, or general garbage or wastes will not be accepted at the drop-off site; and
- Christmas trees can also be taken to the <u>Greater Vernon Diversion & Disposal</u> Facility (DDF).

Once collected, trees are chipped and used to create composting material called RDNO-Gro.

Christmas trees will not be picked up with your residential waste and will not be accepted in curbside organics carts or the community organics bin.

For additional details, please visit the City website at vernon.ca/news or call 250-549-6757.

