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# Roseburg Disposal offers free tree recycling

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ROSEBURG, Ore. -- This week Christmas trees can be dropped off at numerous locations around Roseburg.

Roseburg Disposal is collecting trees from the drop-off bins and public works is converting the debris into a free mulch for the public.

However to prevent residential fires, Roseburg Public Works and the Roseburg Fire Department encourage tree disposal as soon as the needles become dry and brittle.

According to Chris McCullough, Waste Reduction Manager for Douglas County, "Today alone, Roseburg Disposal has brought in seven or eight 20-yard drop boxes full of Christmas trees and our trucks are always running throughout the week bringing in material from the outlining areas." McCullough added, "The longer you leave your tree in your home, the greater fire risk it poses."

This week the trees are being inserted into a tub grinder at the Roseburg landfill to recycle the natural resource and prevent unnecessary addition to the waste site.

"A lot of people who live out in rural areas can take their tree out and put it on a pile of wood or debris and let it decompose naturally, but in suburban and urban settings we need to get this material out of the landfill." The Waste Reduction Manager explained, "If it weren't for these services provided by Roseburg Disposal and Douglas County Public Works this material would go into a dumpster and into the garbage and then our landfill fills up faster costing the county even more money."

Before disposing your tree in the free drop-off boxes, remember to remove any ornaments, flocking, stands, lights, or plastic bags; these are all materials that contaminate the mulch that is created from the recycled product.

Free drop-off bins are available for Christmas trees through January 8th at the following locations:

Legion Field

Kline Street, in front of Hucrest school