



December 2025 Community Newsletter



Christmas Tree Collections and Reclamation

Did you know that Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District diverted **36 tons** of Christmas trees from landfills last holiday season?

We offer Christmas tree removal for your post-holiday convenience. During the month of January, we will begin picking up trees from residents who complete a request form on our website at www.wfwrutah.gov. The request form will be available beginning December 15.

To have your Christmas tree picked up, please ensure you remove all decorations and place your tree at the curb. Trees are typically collected the day after your regularly scheduled pickup day. Due to high demand, it may take more than one week to complete all requests.



- **We ONLY accept REAL trees – no artificial or flocked trees.**
- Request a pickup by filling out the form at www.wfwrutah.gov (starting December 15).
- To be eligible for pickup, trees must be free of decorations, ornaments, lights, and snow.
- Please place trees curbside, not in your waste or green bin.

Trees meeting the above requirements are delivered to Diamond Tree where they are chipped into clean mulch for redistribution throughout our community. Thank you for helping us keep the holidays green and sustainable!

Holiday Wrapping for a Greener Season

The holidays are a time for giving and nothing builds excitement quite like a beautifully wrapped gift. But that festive paper can create a surprising amount of waste. Each year, Americans use an estimated 4.6 million pounds of wrapping paper, and about half of it can't be recycled because of metallic coatings, glitter, or plastic films.

Those shiny designs may look cheerful, but they're made from mixed materials that can't be separated during the recycling process. This year, make the season a little greener by choosing simple, paper-only wrapping without metallic *coatings or plastic layers*.



Looking for creative alternatives? Try brown kraft paper, newspaper, old maps, or your child's artwork. Kid made wrapping adds a unique touch that family and friends love. After the gifts are opened, recycle clean, non-metallic wrapping paper in your recycle can, and keep ribbons, bows, and glittered wrap out, they belong in the trash. A few thoughtful choices can help keep holiday cheer high and waste low!

Thank You for another Green Year!

Curbside Green Waste collection for 2025 will conclude on December 12th and will resume on March 9th, 2026. We truly appreciate your community's participation in this valuable waste diversion program. Thanks to your support, we've diverted **over 5,000 tons** of curbside green waste from landfills this year, an incredible achievement!

All green waste collected through our program is taken to the Salt Lake Valley Landfill's green waste site, where it's turned into rich, nutrient-packed soil through composting. Once processed, this soil is made available for purchase, allowing you to use your green waste to enrich your gardens and complete the cycle from waste to new growth.



A big thank you to all of our subscribers for helping make a positive environmental impact! To participate in the Green Waste Program in 2026, visit www.wfwrutah.gov or call (385) 468-6325.