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## Used Christmas Trees Wanted

CONFLUENCE, PENNSYLVANIA – Don't send your live-cut Christmas tree to the trash after the holidays! Donate it to the Christmas Tree Recycling Program sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at [Youghiogheny River Lake](#). Recycling used trees saves landfill space, helps to protect the environment and improves fish habitats. All trees donated will be used for the fish habitat improvement program at Youghiogheny River Lake.

Community residents can donate their used live-cut trees for this worthwhile cause by bringing them to the Jockey Hollow Launch Area gate (one mile west of where Route 40 crosses the lake), the Outflow Campground parking area (closest to the Outflow Shower House) or the Mill Run Boat Launch. The areas designated for tree drop-off will be marked with signs. Trees will be accepted December 27, 2007 through January 19, 2008.

To be suitable for fish habitat projects trees should be as free of decorations as possible; please remove all tinsel, ornaments, lights, garland, stands and plastic bags from the tree. Artificial or flocked trees (with artificial snow) cannot be accepted because they pose a hazard to wildlife.

For more information or to volunteer to assist with the Christmas Tree Recycling Program e-mail [Ronald.M.Slezak@usace.army.mil](mailto:Ronald.M.Slezak@usace.army.mil) or call the Youghiogheny River Lake Office at 814-395-3242, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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