

Christmas Tree Takedown

After-Christmas sales aren't the only thing to watch for once the holiday season ends. You should also be aware of a serious post-holiday hazard – keeping a dried out Christmas tree in your home or stored in a garage! Dried out Christmas trees are a [fire hazard](#) and should be disposed of promptly. According to the [National Fire Protection Association](#), nearly 40 percent of Christmas tree home fires occur in January. When it comes to [proper tree disposal](#), there are several environmentally sound ways to do so, including:

- Drop off at recycling centers;
- Curbside pickup; and
- Mulching programs.

Do not attempt to burn your Christmas tree in a fireplace or wood stove as a means of disposal! This may result in a chimney fire as a burning tree is hard to control and may burn faster than expected.

If tree recycling or pick-up programs are unavailable in your area, please contact your city government or [Citizen Corps Council](#) for recommendations.