



Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre

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Christmas Tree Recycling Benefits Centre's Composting Process

Pembroke, ON: Most of us have already begun the job of cleaning up after all the festivities over the holiday season. Perhaps one of the biggest jobs is putting away all those decorations. The tree we spent hours decorating, is suddenly bare and all we are left with is the needles on the floor.

But wait! That tree still has a purpose. Christmas trees that are collected at curbside or dropped off at the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre are chipped and used in the composting process to produce the valuable soil amendment the Centre sells every Spring and Fall.

“Wood chips are an important ingredient in our recipe to produce compost.” Comments Sue Campbell, the Centre's General Manager. **“Being able to chip and use the brush that is collected or dropped off at the Centre can result in significant savings as well as keep the material out of our landfill.”**

Petawawa and Pembroke residents have curbside collection of their Christmas Trees. Dates and additional information is on the collection schedule. Residents within the Centre's partner Municipalities can also drop-off Christmas Trees at the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre free of charge until the end of January. This applies to real trees only, artificial trees are not acceptable.

It is important to remember that when recycling your Christmas Tree all ornaments, lights, tinsel, garland, stands and plastic bags must be removed. Since the material is chipped and used to produce compost, the Centre does not want a lost ornament or glass from a strand of lights to end up in the compost. These materials do not compost and will contaminate the end product.

For more information, please contact Sue Campbell, General Manager, 613-735-7537, ext. 214.

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