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Christmas Tree Recycling

Medicine Hat – The City of Medicine Hat is encouraging residents to recycle their Christmas trees again this year. Beginning December 27, 2005 through January 20, 2006 residents can drop off trees for recycling at one of the following depots:

- Kipling Street Recycling Depot (across from Kin Coulee Park)
- Shamrock Recycling Depot (172 Altawana Drive)

Look for drop-off signs and leave clean trees (no decorations, stands, lights, tinsel, or plastic bags) in the designated area only.

“The Christmas Tree Recycling program provides residents with convenient and environmentally friendly options for Christmas tree disposal” said Kevin Scoble, Solid Waste Utility Manager.

“The community’s responsiveness to this program not only saves valuable landfill space, but the trees also provide an excellent raw resource for making mulch and compost.”

The Environmental Utilities Department will be also be collecting real, clean Christmas trees (no decorations, stands, lights, tinsel, or plastic bags) from residents during the week of January 16, 2006 only. All residents participating in the program must have their tree placed at the curb or lane before 7:00 a.m. on Monday, January 16, 2006. During that week only, a special collection for trees will be conducted that may occur on a different day than your regular garbage pickup.

Residents who want to recycle Christmas trees after January 20, 2006 can drop them off free of charge at the City’s Residuals Handling Facility (Landfill), during normal hours of operation. The facility is located approximately three kilometres off Highway 41A, just past the city limits. Winter hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The Landfill is closed December 25 and December 26, 2005 and again on January 1 and January 2, 2006.

For more information please visit our web site at www.medicinehat.ca.

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