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“Merry Mulch” Your Holiday Trees January 3-20 ***Recycle trees at garden centers, parks and the landfill***

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – Howard County Government wants residents to know that a variety of FREE Christmas tree recycling options are available through the Merry Mulch program. Since 1993, the Merry Mulch Christmas tree recycling program has kept thousands of trees out of the landfill, helping to save money and the environment. All collected trees are delivered to a compost facility and will be recycled into compost and mulch.

Beginning Tuesday, January 3 and continuing through Friday, January 20, Christmas trees may be recycled seven days a week, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the drop-off sites listed below. One exception to the above days and times is the Alpha Ridge Landfill, which is open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Look for Merry Mulch signs at the following drop-off sites:

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| Clarksville: | Kendall Hardware, 12260 Route 108
River Hill Garden Center, 12165 Route 108 |
| Columbia: | Cedar Lane Park, 5081 Cedar Lane
Grandfather's Garden Center, 5320 Phelps Luck Drive |
| Elkridge: | Rockburn Park, 5400 Landing Road |
| Ellicott City: | Small Circuit Court parking lot on upper Court House Drive
(just past Ellicott Mills Drive, on the right) |
| Highland: | Schooley Mill Park, 12975 Hall Shop Road |
| Marriottsville: | Alpha Ridge Landfill Wood Waste Area, 2350 Marriottsville Road |
| Savage: | Savage Park, 8400 Fair Street |
| Woodbine: | Western Regional Park, 14800 Carrs Mill Road |

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Recycle trees at garden centers, parks and the landfill (continued)

Howard County residents with curbside yard trim collection can set their Christmas trees out on their regular curbside recycling days through January 20. Trees will not be accepted on trash collection days. Please remove all decorations, including tinsel, garland, ornaments, lights, tree stands and plastic bags. Trees must be cut into less than four foot lengths and tied; they do not need to be bagged. Each bundle must weigh less than 40 pounds. Set your tree out the night before your collection day. Trees may be picked up as early as 6 a.m. or as late as 7 p.m.

After January 20, when the sites listed above have stopped accepting Christmas trees and curbside yard trim collection is no longer offered, residents can continue to bring their Christmas trees to the Alpha Ridge Landfill Wood Waste Area – open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Artificial Christmas trees and wreaths can be recycled year-round in the scrap metal area at the Alpha Ridge Landfill Residents' Convenience Area.

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