



# RecycleSmart

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## Christmas Tree Chipping *City of Traverse City Residents*

The Parks & Recreation Division offers a Christmas Tree drop off site for City of Traverse City residents.

Trees are chipped and used for trail surfacing, mulching materials and erosion control.



Bring trees to the boat launch parking lot at Hull Park at the west end of Hannah Street, just west of Woodmere Avenue beginning Monday December 26, 2016 through Sunday January 15, 2017.

Please remove all decorations and tinsel. There is no charge for this service.

Do not leave trees in the alleys, streets or City parks. The City will not be collecting trees from alleys or streets.

Click [here](#) for more information.



## How to Reduce-Reuse-Recycle-Compost Your Holiday Waste

### *Did You Know?*

Extra holiday waste amounts to 25 million tons of garbage, or about one million extra tons per week.

Much of the 28 billion pounds of edible food thrown away each year is wasted during the holiday season.

### Reduce Food Waste

Buy food with thought. Serve just enough. Use what is left. Compost food

scraps. Don't waste it.

### Take Reusable Bags for Holiday Shopping

It's estimated that the average American family uses 1,500 disposable plastic bags a year.

### Use Rechargeable Batteries

About 40% of all battery sales occur during the holiday season. Rechargeable batteries reduce the amount of potentially harmful materials thrown away and can save money in the long run.

### Give the Gift of An Experience or Event to Remember

Sometimes the best gifts we can give are our time, love and energy and the opportunity to create memories.

### Turn Off Holiday Lights During the Day

This saves energy and lights lasts longer. Be sure to recycle unwanted or broken string lights. Check the Take It Back directory for locations.

Americans throw away  
**25%** more  
trash  
during the holidays



Reduce waste generated during the **holidays**

The RecycleSmart *Take-It-Back Recycling Directory* will soon have a new format. Watch for an improved and easily searchable directory to help you learn where to reuse, recycle, return, compost, donate or throw away unwanted items.



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