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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Christmas “Tree-cycling”

Westmoreland Cleanways and Recycling reminds everyone to recycle their real Christmas trees by taking your tree to one of the many drop-off sites located throughout Westmoreland County.

Proper disposal of a real tree is beneficial to the environment. In most cases, real trees thrown away with the garbage end up taking up space in a landfill. Landfills are designed as a storage facility for garbage, not a site for decomposition. Therefore, the trees will take many more years to rot than they would in nature, and release methane gas in the process. However, recycling your Christmas tree returns it to nature. The trees will be chipped into mulch and used to beautify community parks, eventually decomposing into valuable humus to nourish and renew the soil.

There is **no cost** to recycle your Christmas tree; however, two organizations that host tree recycling sites; Boy Scout Troup 239 at Schramm’s Farm & Orchards in Penn Township and Murrysville-Export Rotary, collect donations to fund their own projects.

**All locations require that trees are completely bare of ALL decorations and lights when dropped off. This includes any tree bags or wrappings used to transport the tree to the drop-off site.**

Sponsors of this year’s Christmas tree recycling program include: Westmoreland Cleanways and Recycling, James A. Rutter Company in Murrysville, Penn Township, and the Borough of Youngwood.

Mike Skapura, Executive Director of Westmoreland Cleanways and Recycling, commented: “Christmas trees are a great tradition as well as a beautiful addition to your holiday decor. Don’t let their beauty end in a landfill. When the season ends, please take your Christmas tree to any of the Tree-cycling drop-off locations around the County and let your tree’s beauty go full circle by giving it back to the earth.”

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***Note: Please see attached document for a complete list of Tree-cycling locations in Westmoreland County***

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### ABOUT WESTMORELAND CLEANWAYS AND RECYCLING

Westmoreland Cleanways and Recycling is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to protect, restore, and maintain the environmental qualities of Westmoreland County for all who live, work, and visit herein. Westmoreland Cleanways and Recycling addresses the proper disposal of solid waste through recycling, special collections, the cleanup of illegal dumpsites and littered areas, and public education.

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# Christmas Tree-cycling

No Trees in Bags

Remove all  
decorations,  
lights, tree skirts,  
bags, etc.

2021-2022

## Armbrust

Jason Wilkinson Nursery- Rt. 819  
December 26 — January 15  
Open Drop-off

## Allegheny Township (non-residents welcome)

1169 School Road— Maintenance Building  
December 25 — January 31  
Open Drop-off

## Derry Borough

East 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue — Borough Garage, beside salt shed  
December 26 — January 31  
Open Drop-off

## Derry Township

5321 Rt. 982 —Municipal Building, outside the gate  
December 26 — January 31  
Open Drop-off

## Harrison City (donations accepted)

Schramms Farms & Orchards  
1002 Blank Road, Jeannette  
Hosted by Boy Scout Troop 239  
January 8 & 15, 9am – 1pm

## Hempfield Township

Rt. 136 at Middletown Road  
Hempfield High School Auxiliary Parking Lot  
December 26 — January 28  
Open Drop-off

## Irwin

6015 Pleasant Valley Road— Valley Landfill  
December 27— January 31  
Mon-Fri 6am-3:30pm, Closed weekends

## Level Green Area-Penn Township

536 PA-130, Trafford—Level Green Vol. Fire Dept  
January 1 — January 31  
Open Drop-off

## Ligonier

The Country Market Field, Lower Watershed Farm  
Corner of West Main & Springer Rd.  
Hosted by Loyalhanna Watershed Association  
December 26—January 31, Dawn to Dusk

## Mount Pleasant Borough

Municipal Compost Site  
Between Kennedy Ave. & N. Depot Street  
December 30—January 31  
Mon—Fri, 7am – 3pm, Closed weekends

## Murrysville (donations accepted)

Windstream parking lot (near Giant Eagle)  
Hosted by Murrysville/Export Rotary  
January 8 & 15, 9am –1pm

## North Huntingdon

12319 Rt. 30 West  
N. Huntingdon Township Public Works  
Dec. 26– Jan. 31, 8am-4pm

## Scottdale

234 Landfill Road — Greenridge Reclamation Landfill  
Please see scale attendant for directions  
December 26– January 7  
Mon-Fri, 6am – 3pm, Closed weekends

## Unity Township

154 Beatty County Road—Municipal Building  
January 2—January 31  
Mon—Fri, 8am—4pm, Closed weekends

## Youngwood

508 South 3rd St.—Boro Maint. Building  
Behind Hillis St. Laundromat  
Do not drop trees at the Boro gate  
December 27—January 14,  
Mon- Fri 7:30am-2:30pm, Closed weekends

It's estimated that 1 live Christmas tree makes 5 lbs. of mulch.

## Sponsors:

Westmoreland Cleanways  
J.A. Rutter Company  
Penn Township  
Borough of Youngwood



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