

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Dubuque's 'Merry Mulch' Collection Runs Jan. 5-16

DUBUQUE, Iowa — The City of Dubuque is again sponsoring its “Merry Mulch” Christmas Tree Collection and Composting Program, which provides solid waste collection customers a convenient, curbside, Christmas tree collection service, while also beneficially recycling natural trees into compost.

Yard waste bags, bundles and cans, as well as GreenCarts with food scraps, will also be collected on regular collection days for two weeks beginning on Monday, Jan. 5, 2015, and ending Friday, Jan. 16, 2015. Residents should set out their trees (maximum of eight feet high) and other compostables next to their refuse on their normal collection day.

- Crews appreciate very large trees cut in half, with no pieces over five feet in length.
- The tree must have either one City Brush Tie or one yellow City Yard Waste Sticker attached and visible from the street or alley.
- Please remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel, wire, nails, stands or plastic bags.
- Yard waste bags and rigid containers with attached yellow City Yard Waste Stickers will also be collected. City Brush Ties cost \$1.30 each and yellow City Yard Waste Stickers cost \$6.50 for a sheet of five. Both are sold at City Hall and most grocery, discount and hardware stores throughout Dubuque. Annual 2015 decals are also acceptable on rigid containers and are sold at City Hall.

Wreaths and garland contain too much wire to compost. Flocked trees are not compostable. Please set out these items with regular refuse. You must attach a green City Garbage Sticker on each of these items, along with every additional bundle, item, bag, or can in excess of your household's first refuse container and any additional subscribed containers.

As a reminder for post-holiday trash collection, please do not place foil-lined envelopes, greeting cards, gift wrap, Styrofoam, bubble wrap, foam peanuts, or plastic bags in recycling bins; those items are not recyclable and should be disposed of with regular trash.

For additional information, please call the City of Dubuque Public Works Department at 589-4250 or visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/yardwaste](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/yardwaste).