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TWO WEEKS LEFT TO RECYCLE CHRISTMAS TREES

Nearly 15,000 trees collected in first three weeks

INDIANAPOLIS — Indy Parks and Recreation would like to remind residents they have until Thursday, January 31, to drop off their Christmas trees at designated collection sites for recycling. In the first three weeks of this season's recycling program, Indy Parks has collected nearly 15,000 Christmas trees.

"It's great to see residents thinking "green" and helping out our environment," said Lindsey Purcell, City Forester. "Some of our collection sites are averaging over 1,000 trees daily. This helps meet the tremendous need for mulch for our city parks, trails and playgrounds."

Residents are asked to remove all ornaments, lights, tree stands, plastic bags, nails, and other decorations prior to drop-off. No artificial trees or materials will be accepted. Christmas trees will be accepted for recycling at the following nine city park locations during normal park hours (dawn to dusk), seven days a week. Please follow signs within each park to specific drop-off locations.

- **Broad Ripple Park**, 1550 Broad Ripple Ave.
- **Ellenberger Park**, 5301 E. St. Clair St.
- **Garfield Park**, 2450 S. Shelby St.
- **Gustafson Park**, 3110 Moller Rd.
- **Krannert Park**, 605 S. High School Rd.
- **Northwestway Park**, 5253 W. 62nd St.
- **Perry Park**, 451 E. Stop 11 Rd.
- **Riverside Park**, 2420 N. Riverside Dr.
- **Sahm Park**, 6801 E. 91st St.

For the third consecutive year, *Rupert's Kids* is helping Indy Parks' forestry staff collect and chip the Christmas trees as part of a mentoring partnership in which students assume maintenance responsibilities for certain parks, and in return learn valuable landscape, forestry, horticulture and maintenance skills from Indy Parks' trained professionals. Residents can call 327-PARK or visit www.indyparks.org for additional Christmas tree recycling information.

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