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### 2019 Christmas Tree Collection and Recycling Schedule

**ROCKFORD, Ill.** – Rock River Disposal will be collecting Christmas trees for two consecutive weeks from City of Rockford residents on their normally scheduled garbage pick-up day starting Monday, January 7, through Thursday, January 17, 2019. **Non-bagged trees should be placed alongside resident's regular garbage and must be free of all ornaments, stands, lights, and other decorative materials.**

Residents may also dispose of any remaining yard waste if properly containerized. Yard waste should be placed in two-ply biodegradable paper bags and not in garbage cans for this pick-up, as yard waste may freeze in cans preventing removal. Loose branches and limbs should be bundled with string or twine (no wire) and placed out for collection, as long as the bundles do not exceed four feet in length and two feet in diameter. All bags, cans or bundles should not exceed 50 pounds in weight.

Additionally, Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful (KNIB) has arranged for 12 regional Christmas tree collection sites in Winnebago County for citizens to drop off trees. All trees must be free of all ornaments, stands, lights, and other decorative materials. Wreaths are not accepted due to wire frames. Drop-offs will be permitted from January 1 through January 15, 2019. Collected trees will be recycled by processing them into reusable mulch, which can be retrieved by residents for personal use at each collection site until March 1, 2019. Please visit KNIB's website for a comprehensive listing of all drop-off locations and operating hours: <http://www.knib.org/programs/christmas-tree-recycling/>

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