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## Christmas tree disposal Burn it, bird it or bring to transfer station

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### For the Journal

It used to be a no-brainer. Post-holiday, a phone call was made to a scout troop or service club, and eager fundraisers would come to the door and remove the family Christmas tree for a small fee.

The trees were usually taken to Lake Mendocino, as part of the creation of fish habitats.

Now, with the lake at such low levels, there is no need for the services, and every Christmas tree owner will have to find other ways to dispose of their trees.

Steve Elliott, owner of Elliott's Christmas trees, was lucky this year. With only a scant number of unsold trees this season, he doesn't have a lot of leftovers to take care of. "The worst case scenario is that they get fed to a chipper," says Elliott, noting that some larger Christmas tree lots own a chipper expressly for this purpose. "Some organizations use this as a fundraiser as well, and sell the chips for mulch."

"I have fed trees to the goats," notes Elliott. "They'll eat them right down to the stalk. You can burn them once they're dried out, but not without a burn permit. And for goodness sakes, don't ever cut them up and burn them in a fireplace or wood stove."

Elliott notes that many of his customers actually leave the tree outside, hang bird feeders on the branches and use it for a bird habitat until the tree dries out.

Since city residents do not have the option of burning their tree, there are two other choices. The first option is to cut the tree into lengths and place them

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out with the green waste as part of regular weekly garbage pickup. The branches may not be more than four inches in diameter, and must fit into the can. No tinsel or other decorations may be left on the tree branches.

The Ukiah transfer station is coming to the aid of those without other disposal options. Julie Price of Solid Waste Systems notes the Ukiah station is accepting Christmas trees without flocking or tinsel at no charge through Jan. 9. The Transfer Station is open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be closed New Year's Day.

For information on residential waste pickup phone C and S Waste Solutions at 1-888-718-4888. To contact the Transfer Station phone 234-6410 or visit [candswaste.com](http://candswaste.com).

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