

Green Notes: Weekly tips for reducing your carbon footprint from First United Methodist's Green Team

Recycle your Christmas tree!

The city of Missoula is again sponsoring a green tree recycling program from Dec. 26 through Jan. 14. It's easy – and a great way to recycle your holiday decorations!

You can take live Christmas trees to three designated Missoula parks or to Garden City Compost. They'll be recycled into mulch, conserving valuable landfill space.

The Christmas Ever Green program is sponsored by Missoula Parks and Rec, Garden City Compost and the city's Urban Forestry Division. Donations to support the program – and to plant more urban trees – are accepted online at www.missoulaparks.org/donate.

City officials remind residents to remove all decorations, including tinsel and stands, before dropping off trees at McCormick and Playfair parks, or at the South Avenue parking

area north of the softball fields at Fort Missoula Regional Park. No drop-offs are allowed after Jan. 14. The city has closed the 36th Street parking area used for tree drop-offs in past years.

Please do not leave yard waste or other refuse at any of the locations.

Residents can also recycle Christmas trees for no charge at Garden City Compost, 1125 Clark Fork Lane, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays. Drop organic materials only; do not leave trees outside the compost plant's gates.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year from First UMC's Green Team! We look forward to 2022 as a great year of activism on behalf of our planet!