

How to recycle your live Christmas tree after the holidays

Live Christmas trees can be disposed of as part of the normal weekly yard waste pickup following the holidays.

Trees must be less than eight feet long; cut trees in two pieces if necessary. Be sure to take all your decorations, lights and tree stands off of the tree before placing it on the curb. Do not put the tree in a plastic bag. Flocked trees are accepted; artificial trees should be disposed of in the brown garbage cart.



Residents can also take the trees to any of the City's four drop-off stations:

- 2400 Brennan Avenue
- 5150 Martin Luther King Freeway
- 6260 Old Hemphill Road
- 301 Hillshire Drive

Remove all lights, decorations and tree stands before taking live trees to the drop-off station so your trees can be turned into mulch for beneficial reuse. Live trees with decorations on them that are taken to the drop-off stations cannot be mulched and will be placed in the trash.

FortWorthTexas.gov/departments/tpw/stormwater

Lawn clippings are a major pain for storm drains

The City's Stormwater Program reminds residents to keep grass clippings and fallen leaves away from storm drains.

When drainage systems get clogged, it can lead to flooding and standing water in streets and yards.

Mulched yard trimmings and leaves can serve as a natural compost, returning valuable nutrients to your soil. Alternatively, rake up the clippings, bag them and set them out for pickup on collection day.



Avoid using a leaf blower to push clippings and leaves into storm drains or nearby creeks and channels. This debris blocks drainage systems and eventually pollutes creeks, rivers and lakes, as stormwater flows directly downstream.

Key takeaway: Only rain down the storm drain!

This holiday season, give a gift that keeps on giving – and saving



It's time to think beyond the gift cards and consider giving EPA-approved WaterSense products for holiday parties, white elephant exchanges and stocking stuffers. While these gifts may not sparkle like jewelry, they have a lasting value that will shine all year long.

WaterSense-labeled products are designed to reduce indoor and outdoor water use without sacrificing comfort or performance, meaning they save water and money without limiting luxury. From high-efficiency showerheads to faucet aerators and smart sprinkler systems, these items blend seamlessly into everyday life while helping to conserve Fort Worth water. Think of a showerhead that provides the same spa-like experience but uses 20% less

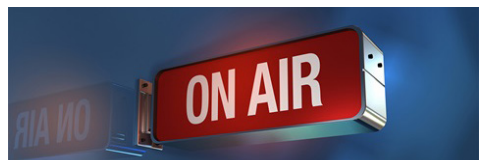
water – now that's a gift of indulgence and eco-consciousness all in one.

Perfect for all recipients, these items are practical, unique and offer an eco-friendly twist to your holiday shopping list. By opting for WaterSense products, you're not only helping the environment but also giving the gift of lower water bills.

WORTH KNOWING



The Fort Worth Fire Department broke ground on its newest fire station in October. **Fire Station 16**, part of the 2022 Bond Program, will be at 5701 Lovell Ave. The station is being relocated to the northeast corner of Lovell Avenue and Horne Street, less than a half-mile from its current location at 5933 Geddes St. The old station will be sold and the new station will open in early 2026.



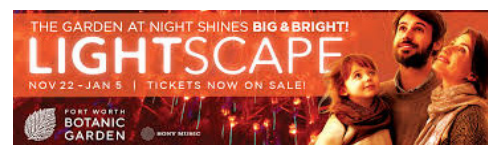
After a multi-month hiatus, **FWTV Channel 190** is back on the air, now with an exciting HD quality upgrade. For the first time in FWTV history, the channel is broadcasting in high-definition (1080 progressive scan vs. 720 progressive scan). This upgrade ensures the City of Fort Worth can deliver sharper, higher-quality broadcasts to keep residents informed and engaged on all City matters. Meanwhile, Channel 191 (Fort Worth Public Library channel) is undergoing the same upgrade and will be temporarily under maintenance.

FortWorthTexas.gov/departments/communications/fwtv

With extra family members, friends and neighbors gathered around the hearth during the upcoming holidays, it's easy to generate **trash** that exceeds the capacity of the brown cart. There's good news! All residents are allowed two extra bags of garbage next to the cart on their first pickup day following Christmas and New Year's Day. Bags can be up to 30-gallon sized, and should not exceed 40 pounds per bag. There is no added fee for this service.

FortWorthTexas.gov/solidwaste

WORTH GOING



Venture out to the stunning Fort Worth Botanic Garden for the third annual **Lightscape** event, a spectacular collaboration with Sony Music. This extraordinary show features custom-designed light installations set against the serene backdrop of nature, creating a festive atmosphere that will enchant guests of all ages. Stroll along sparkling pathways and marvel at breathtaking, never-before-seen artistic displays from around the globe, immersing yourself in the magic of the holiday season.

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