

# Christmas Tree Collection

*Hauling off post-Christmas trees is a service many people will appreciate!  
It's an easy way to make a couple of bucks—and make your neighbors happy, too.*



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## *How to Prep & Complete*

**Set your price.** Charge a set price per Christmas tree. Be sure to figure in gas prices and transportation so you can make a profit.

**Make a plan.** As people call to sign up for your service, utilize a spread sheet to take down: the address, contact information and a pick-up date for each home you will be visiting.

**Map it out.** Create an efficient work flow so you don't waste time backtracking.

**Think it through.** What will you do with the trees after you haul them away? Become informed about local options and costs.

**Hint:** Ask a local nursery if you can use their wood chipper and then donate the wood chips to them in return for their services.

**Advertise early!** Before Christmas, put up fliers in the neighborhood, at local shopping centers, the library, and anywhere else you can think of. Ask your local paper to run an advertisement for you, or an advertorial feature about your trip, this project and your fundraising goal. Spread the word on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Be sure your advertising includes contact information, available pick-up dates and an explanation about why you are working to earn these funds!

Check it off:

- Fliers, emails, etc. to spread the word
- A plan for disposing of the trees!
- A buddy who can help load up the trees
- A truck or vehicle large enough to hold a standard Christmas tree
- Tarps to protect the truck bed
- Gloves, pruners, a saw, a broom and a few garbage bags just in case