



# News Release

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## **CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL OPTIONS**

(ALTUS, OKLAHOMA): One of the most frequently asked questions of every Holiday season is, "How do I dispose of my Christmas tree?" The City of Altus has a few options for Christmas tree disposal.

### **OPTION 1: Take it to the landfill.**

If you take your Christmas tree to the landfill, bring a copy of a recent utility bill and a photo ID and dumping fees can be waived (up to 1,500 pounds per residence per month). There will be a fee for tires and any waste over 1,500 pounds.

### **OPTION 2: Use it as firewood.**

Chop it up into firewood for yourself or for a neighbor or friend who could use it to keep their home warm. Firewood should be stored on your side of the fence or property line - not in the alley. Anything found in the alley is subject to pick up and disposal.

### **OPTION 3: Cut into pieces and leave near alley for bulk trash pick-up.**

Tree limbs should be cut into 3-foot lengths. Christmas trees must be placed on your side of the alley along your property line only; when placing tree limbs in the alley, please stack as neatly as possible, parallel to your fence or property line so as to not obstruct the alley.

Please do not place Christmas trees within two feet of dumpsters. Blocking access to dumpsters or leaning debris against or behind dumpsters may result in the dumpster not being emptied. Tree limbs should be at least two feet away from gas meters, electric meters, cable boxes, or other utilities. Meters hidden by limbs can be damaged during removal. Remember, it could take up to a few months for it to be picked up by our bulk trash contractor.

### ***\*NOT AN OPTION: Please DO NOT place Christmas trees in dumpsters.***

Your dumpster or container is for disposing of regular household garbage ONLY. Regular household garbage includes waste such as waste paper, plastic packaging and cans, food scraps and other loose items. Christmas trees are a bulk trash item.

### **Remember keep alleyways clear for sanitation, utility service, and emergency vehicles.**

Alleys must remain passable at all times to sanitation, utility service, and emergency vehicles. Alleys should never be blocked by discarded items or Christmas trees. Blocked

alleys will result in an interruption of trash collection. In addition, utility service vehicles may have difficulty restoring power or utility services.

Altus Pride. Keep it clean.

The bulk trash contractor will not pick up litter, leaves, or small branches. It may be necessary for residents to do some hand cleaning after the bulk trash (including Christmas trees) has been removed. Residents are required by code to maintain to the center of the alley along their property. This includes cleaning litter, small debris, and mowing grass or weeds. With your cooperation, Altus can be cleaner than ever. We can all take more pride in our community. Altus Pride.

The City of Altus appreciates your cooperation and wishes everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

Visit [www.altusok.gov/167/Proper-Use-of-Bulk-Trash-Service](http://www.altusok.gov/167/Proper-Use-of-Bulk-Trash-Service) or call the Altus Sanitation Department at (580) 481-2251 for more information.

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