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## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### **Holiday Recycling Tips for New Bedford Residents**

**New Bedford, Massachusetts** – After all the gifts have been unwrapped and the eggnog cartons emptied, New Bedford residents are encouraged to recycle as much of their holiday waste as possible. Here are a few tips to help ensure holiday waste ends up in the right place:

- **Wrapping paper:** Recycle this in the recycling cart at the curb. Corrugated cardboard boxes, gift boxes, greeting cards, beverage cartons (e.g. eggnog), and catalogs may also be placed in the same cart. (Bows, ribbons, and metallic wrapping paper, on the other hand, cannot be recycled.)
- **Styrofoam blocks and Christmas tree lights:** Clean blocks of Styrofoam can be recycled at the Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station at 1103 Shawmut Avenue. Christmas tree lights can be placed in the scrap metal pile at the transfer station.

And, once your Christmas tree has been undecorated, here are several ways it can be properly disposed of:

- **Christmas tree collection:** ABC Disposal will pick up Christmas trees from January 11 to January 15. During this week, residents may place trees at the curb on the day after their regularly scheduled trash and recycling is collected. For example, if your trash is collected on Friday, January 9th, Christmas trees will only be collected along your route on Monday, January 11th. And, if your trash is normally collected on Mondays, Christmas trees will only be collected along your route on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> and so on. Please remove all ornaments, stands, holiday lights, tinsel, and do not place them in plastic bags. The City will not collect Christmas trees curbside at any other time.
- **Christmas tree drop-off:** Starting on Dec. 26, Christmas trees can be brought to the following locations.
  - East Rodney French Blvd. beach lot, between Hudson Street & Seymour Street
  - Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station, 1103 Shawmut Avenue, open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, noon to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
  - Brooklawn Park, near Pony League Field, enter at Irvington Street

“Resident may have questions about which items can be recycled curbside or at the transfer station as well as what to do with their Christmas trees after the holiday. We are sharing this information now to help our residents prepare,” said Ken Blanchard, Director of the Department of Facilities and Fleet Management.

For additional tips, follow @NBRecycling on Twitter, or visit our New Bedford Recycling Facebook page. If you have questions, please contact the recycling office by phone at (508) 979-1493 or by email at [recycling@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:recycling@newbedford-ma.gov).

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