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Don't leaf it behind: Recycle those Christmas trees this winter

(Albuquerque, NM) – PNM and the cities of Albuquerque and Rio Rancho are offering free Christmas tree recycling. This program offers New Mexicans ways to help save valuable landfill space while also generating water-savings and protective mulch to help keep local communities beautiful and environmentally friendly.

PNM, City of Albuquerque's Solid Waste Management Department, Keep Albuquerque Beautiful and Rio Rancho's Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful Division will grind the trees into mulch, which can be used to provide a better growing environment for plants in city common areas and residential landscapes. The public can also pick up free mulch from these trees at four of the five recycling locations while supplies last.

Tree Cycling locations and dates:

Albuquerque

- Monday, Dec. 29, 2025 – Sunday, Jan. 11, 2025, from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
 - **Eagle Rock Convenience Center**, 6301 Eagle Rock NE.
 - **Ladera Golf Course**, 3401 Ladera Dr NW.
 - **Montessa Park Convenience Center**, 3512 Los Picaros SE.

Rio Rancho

- Friday, Dec. 26, 2025 – Monday, Jan. 12, 2025, from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 - **Rio Rancho Sports Complex**, 3501 High Resort Blvd. SE, Rio Rancho

More Information:

Limit five trees per resident. Commercial quantities will not be accepted. Only real trees will be accepted, no artificial trees and trees must have all decorations removed (tinsel, lights, tree stands, etc.). For more information call 311, TTY 711, or visit cabq.gov/solidwaste/events/treecycling-1.

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