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Third Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Party Set for Jan. 3

It's not too soon to think about how you are going to dispose of the Christmas tree, once the holiday festivities are over. This year, don't just haul it out to the curb- recycle it at the third annual City of Newburgh Christmas Tree Recycling Party. You will not only do something good for the local environment, you'll receive the gift of free mulch to help beautify your own landscape.

The popular event, sponsored by the Downing Park Planning Committee, the City of Newburgh Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Shade Tree Commission will be held on Saturday, Jan. 3 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Downing Park Greenhouses. The entrance is on Carpenter Avenue near the South St. overpass and Gidney Avenue. Watch for signs- volunteers will direct you.

Trees must be bare of ornaments, lights, and tinsel. No artificial trees will be accepted. The DPW will chip the trees into mulch while you enjoy cider and donuts in the Shelter House. The mulch will nourish City street and park trees, and you can take some home for your own trees. **Bring your own buckets or bags.**

"A three to four inch layer of chips and mulch is important to protect trees and shrubs from freezing temperatures and the alkaline effects of road salt," Shade Tree Commission Chairman John Ledwith commented, "Join us on Jan. 3 as Newburgh goes green."

For more information, call the City of Newburgh Visitors Center at 565-5559.