## <u>EPD to launch 2021-22 Natural</u> <u>Christmas Trees Recycling Programme</u>

To encourage the recovery and recycling of yard waste in the community, the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (December 22) called on members of the public and commercial and industrial (C&I) organisations to recycle natural Christmas trees (NCTs) intended for disposal under 2021-22 NCTs Recycling Programme. The Programme arrangements are as follows:

Collection Period: January 2 to 5, 2022 (four days) Collection Points: The following Central Collection Point and District Collection Points

Central Collection Point (CCP)	Address	Telephone	Collection Time	
Y · PARK	Nim Wan Road, Tsang Tsui, Tuen Mun (the left-side entrance about 50 metres before the entrance of the West New Territories Landfill)	5743 9221	9am to 6pm	
District Collection Points (DCPs) (including EPD's Recycling Stations and Food and Environmental Hygiene Department's Public Refuse Collection Points (RCPs))	Address	Telephone	Collection Time	
(Only household NCTs 2 metres tall or below will be accepted.)				
Hong Kong Island				
1. GREEN@EASTERN	30 Oi Shun Road, Shau Kei Wan	2778 2330	9am to 6pm	
2. GREEN@WAN CHAI	6 Wan Shing Street, Wan Chai	2811 1567		

3. Ap Lei Chau Municipal Services Building RCP	Ap Lei Chau Municipal Services Building, 8 Hung Shing Street, Ap Lei Chau	Not applicable	7am to 9.30pm	
4. Arbuthnot Road RCP	Junction of Arbuthnot Road and Caine Road, Central		6.30am to 9pm	
5. Paterson Street RCP	Junction of Paterson Street and Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay		6.30am to 9.30pm	
Kowloon				
6. GREEN@KWUN TONG	27 Sheung Yee Road, Kowloon Bay	2776 5700	9am to 6pm	
7. GREEN@SHAM SHUI PO	339 Tung Chau Street, Sham Shui Po	2522 4388		
8. Sai Yee Street (Flower Market Road) RCP	188 Sai Yee Street, Mong Kok	Not applicable	6.30am to 9pm	
New Territories				
9. GREEN@SHA TIN	10 On Ping Street, Shek Mun	2285 9433		
10. GREEN@YUEN LONG	65 Tin Wah Road, Tin Shui Wai	2617 0117		
11. GREEN@TUEN MUN	9 Tuen Yee Street, Tuen Mun	2496 4288		
12. GREEN@KWAI TSING	12 Tam Kon Shan Road, Tsing Yi	3905 4840	9am to 6pm	
13. GREEN@TAI PO	25 Dai Wah Street, Tai Po	3614 0598		
14. GREEN@ISLANDS	1 Chung Mun Road, Tung Chung	2499 2308		
15. GREEN@SAI KUNG	3 Po Lam Lane, Tseung Kwan O	2727 7330		

Note: If members of the public and C&I organisations have to recycle NCTs before January 2 or between January 6 and 19, 2022, please deliver them to Y·PARK during operating hours (9am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday).

An EPD spokesman said that GREEN@WAN CHAI and GREEN@SAI KUNG are the two new collection points added to the DCP network this year in order to facilitate public participation. The NCTs collected and other yard waste will be turned into various recyclable products at Y‧PARK to facilitate its reuse, recycling or upcycling into decorations, wooden furniture and wood art products, etc.

The Programme is limited to the recycling of NCTs and all lighting, decorations and tape on the NCTs should be removed before delivery to facilitate the subsequent recycling processes. The public are also encouraged to replant small potted plants such as poinsettias, and keep artificial Christmas trees and other festival decorations for reuse to help reduce waste and conserve resources.

An e-certificate will be issued to the participants who deliver NCTs to the CCP or the Recycling Stations for recycling. Participants will also receive a gift upon delivery of NCTs to the Recycling Stations while stocks last. For details of the NCTs Recycling Programme, please visit the Hong Kong Waste Reduction website

at www.wastereduction.gov.hk/en/natural-christmas-trees-recycling-programme-2
021.

As well, there is still co-operation between the NCTs Recycling Programme and the "GREEN\$ Electronic Participation Incentive Scheme" this year. Participants who recycle NCTs at the Recycling Stations within the collection period can register as a GREEN\$ member, after which the member can earn GREEN\$ for redemption of gift items when submitting recyclables. For details of the "GREEN\$ Electronic Participation Incentive Scheme", please visit the Hong Kong Waste Reduction website at www.wastereduction.gov.hk/en/community/crn intro.htm.

The EPD also welcomes other organisations and associations to provide recycling services for NCTs to help the public and C&I organisations to participate and enhance waste reduction efforts for all.