

EPD to launch Natural Christmas Trees Recycling Programme

To encourage the recovery and recycling of yard waste in the community, the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (December 17) called on members of the public and commercial and industrial (C&I) organisations to recycle natural Christmas trees (NCTs) intended for disposal under the NCTs Recycling Programme. The Programme arrangements are as follows:

Collection Period: January 8 to 11, 2021 (four days)

Collection Points: The following Central Collection Point and District Collection Points

Central Collection Point (CCP)	Address	Telephone	Collection Time
EcoPark	133 Lung Mun Road, Tuen Mun	5743 9221	9am to 6pm
District Collection Points (DCPs) (including EPD's Recycling Stations and Food and Environmental Hygiene Department's 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. 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
3. Arbuthnot Road RCP	Junction of Arbuthnot Road and Caine Road, Central		6.30am to 3.30pm
4. Paterson Street RCP	Junction of Paterson Street and Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay		6.30am to 9.30pm
Kowloon			

5. GREEN @ KWUN TONG	27 Sheung Yee Road, Kowloon Bay	2776 5700	9am to 6pm
6. GREEN @ SHAM SHUI PO	339 Tung Chau Street, Sham Shui Po	2522 4388	
7. Sai Yee Street (Flower Market Road) RCP	188 Sai Yee Street, Mong Kok	Not applicable	6.30am to 9pm
New Territories			
8. GREEN @ SHA TIN	10 On Ping Street, Shek Mun	2285 9433	9am to 6pm
9. GREEN @ YUEN LONG	65 Tin Wah Road, Tin Shui Wai	2617 0117	
10. GREEN @ TUEN MUN	9 Tuen Yee Street, Tuen Mun	2496 4288	
11. GREEN @ KWAI TSING	12 Tam Kon Shan Road, Tsing Yi	3905 4840	
12. GREEN @ TAI PO	25 Dai Wah Street, Tai Po	3614 0598	
13. GREEN @ ISLANDS	1 Chung Mun Road, Tung Chung	2499 2308	

Note: If members of the public and C&I organisations still need to recycle NCTs from January 12 to 25, 2021, please make appointments with the EPD's contractor (Tel: 5743 9221) prior to the delivery of NCTs to the CCP in the EcoPark.

An EPD spokesman said that upon the commissioning of the yard waste recycling centre, Y&PARK, in the second quarter of 2021 tentatively, suitable NCTs and other yard waste will be turned into more types of useful materials, such as compost and mulch for gardening and planting, wood boards and wood beams to facilitate its reuse, recycling or upcycling into decoration 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 (previously called Community Green 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-2020.html.

As well, there is 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 to receive a GREEN\$ Card, to 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.