

EPD to launch Natural Christmas Trees Recycling Programme

To encourage recovery and recycling of yard waste in the community, the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (December 19) 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. An EPD contractor will recycle suitable NCTs collected into useful materials such as mulch for planting purposes and compost to encourage onward recycling. The Programme arrangements are as follows:

Collection Period: January 3 to 6, 2020 (four days)

Central Collection Point (CCP)	Address	Telephone	Collection Time
EcoPark	133 Lung Mun Road, Tuen Mun	9706 6549	9am to 6pm
District Collection Points (DCPs)	Address	Telephone	Collection Time
(Only household NCTs 2 metres tall or below will be accepted.)			
1. Sha Tin Community Green Station (CGS)	10 On Ping Street, Shek Mun	2285 9433	9am to 6pm
2. Eastern CGS	30 Oi Shun Road, Shau Kei Wan	2778 2330	
3. Kwun Tong CGS	27 Sheung Yee Road, Kowloon Bay	2776 5700	
4. Yuen Long CGS	65 Tin Wah Road, Tin Shui Wai	2617 0117	
5. Sham Shui Po CGS	339 Tung Chau Street, Sham Shui Po	2522 4388	
6. Tuen Mun CGS	9 Tuen Yee Street, Tuen Mun	2496 4288	
7. Kwai Tsing CGS	12 Tam Kon Shan Road, Tsing Yi	3905 4840	
8. Tai Po CGS	25 Dai Wah Street, Tai Po	3614 0598	

9. Ap Lei Chau Municipal Services Building Refuse Collection Point	Ap Lei Chau Municipal Services Building, 8 Hung Shing Street, Ap Lei Chau	Not applicable	7am to 9.30pm
10. Arbuthnot Road Refuse Collection Point	Junction of Arbuthnot Road and Caine Road, Central		6.30am to 4.30pm
11. Paterson Street Refuse Collection Point	Junction of Paterson Street and Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay		6.30am to 2.30pm
12. Sai Yee Street (Flower Market Road) Refuse Collection Point	188 Sai Yee Street, Mong Kok		6.30am to 9pm

Note: If members of the public and C&I organisations still need to recycle NCTs from January 7 to 18, 2020, they should make appointments with the EPD's contractor (Tel: 9706 6549) prior to the delivery of NCTs to the CCP in the EcoPark.

An EPD spokesman said that five DCPs located in New Territories, Kowloon and Hong Kong Island have been added to the Programme this year to encourage public participation. 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 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 and C&I organisations who deliver NCTs to the CCP or the CGSs for recycling so as to recognise their support for environmental conservation. Members of the public will also receive a gift upon delivery of NCTs to the CGSs while stocks last. For details of the Programme, please visit the Hong Kong Waste Reduction Website at www.wastereduction.gov.hk/en/natural-christmas-trees-recycling-programme-2019.html.

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.