

## **Bring One for the Chipper-- Winter 2013-2014**

December 17, 2013

More waste enters the Hall County Landfill during December than any other month. What can you do to stem the tide this yuletide season? Give your Christmas tree a new leaf on life by "Bringing One For The Chipper."

"Bring one for the Chipper" is Georgia's annual Christmas tree recycling program. It is an outgrowth of an event started in 1987 by the Atlanta Clean City Commission, Fulton County Clean Community Commission, the Atlanta Dogwood Festival and the Atlanta-Fulton County Parks and Recreation Department. The Chipper program involves hundreds of Georgia communities and thousands of volunteers. Since its inception, the program has recycled more than two million Christmas trees. The mulch from these trees has been used for playgrounds, local government beautification projects, and individual yards.

What can you do?

Remove the stand and all of the decorations from your Christmas tree (ornaments, lights, garlands, tinsel etc.). Drop off your Christmas tree at designated areas at any of the 12 Hall County Compactor Sites or Hall County Recycling Center at 1008 Chestnut Street, Gainesville. Your tree will be chipped into mulch or used as fish habitat. Either way, you'll help keep your tree out of the landfill and put it to good use.

Some city governments are also participating in the statewide "Bring One for the Chipper" event.

Gainesville residents may leave their trees at curbside.

Oakwood city residents may drop off their Christmas trees for recycling on the vacant lot next to the mulch pile on the corner of Allen Street and Railroad Street.

Flowery Branch will have a collection site roped off by the caboose on Railroad Avenue, right below Main Street. Trees will be collected there for chipping from Dec. 26 through Jan. 3.

Mulch will be made available at the Hall County Recycling Center. Residents' vehicles will be loaded free from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning Jan. 8 until it's gone.

For 23 years, Georgia citizens have enthusiastically supported the "Bring One for the Chipper