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DPW Ushers in New Year with 10th Annual "Bring One for the Chipper" ~Christmas tree recycling also includes electronics, documents and some household waste~

**RICHMOND, Va.** – A decade ago the Department of Public Works began asking residents to "Bring One for the Chipper." Since the inaugural Christmas tree recycling event, city dwellers have been showing up in droves every January to drop off their live Christmas trees. Some even stay to watch the on-site chipping process. The upcoming annual chipping event is scheduled for Saturday, January 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Parker Field Annex, 1710 Robin Hood Road (corner of North Boulevard).

"Each year the crowds get larger, which means more and more residents are making an effort to protect our environment and reduce our carbon footprint," said Darlene Mallory, DPW recycling coordinator.

Recycling trees keeps them out of landfills and allows them to be re-purposed and used as mulch, along with soil amendments.

For those who want to recycle their tree but are unable to attend "Bring One for the Chipper," from December 26 through January 10 city crews will collect live Christmas trees curbside for chipping. After Monday, January 14, all trees collected will be disposed of with regular trash collection.

Residents also can drop off trees for disposal at the East Richmond Road Convenience Center at 3800 East Richmond Road or the Hopkins Road Transfer Station at 3520 North Hopkins Road.

In addition to tree recycling, there also will be on-site document shredding (up to five bags per resident), household hazardous waste disposal (pesticides, herbicides and oil based paint), and electronics recycling. The electronics recycling fees are as follows:

Hard drive – cellphone table shred	\$5
CRT monitor	\$17
CRT television	\$28 (more than 27")
CRT television	\$23 (equal to or fewer than 27")
Projection television	\$23
LCD monitor	\$6
LCD television	\$14
Printer	\$5 (more than 25 lbs.)
Printer	\$2 (fewer than 25 lbs.)

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The City of Richmond Department of Public Works (DPW) is one of only 146 accredited public works agencies in the United States. DPW's portfolio comprises a wide array of services to include leaf collection; street, sidewalk and alley maintenance; trash collection; recycling; urban forestry; signs; signals and pavement markings; grass cutting; graffiti removal; and parking. In addition, DPW issues permits for working in the city's right-of-way, manages Richmond's Bike Share program and maintains the fleet of city vehicles. DPW's operating budget comes from the general fund of the City of Richmond. For more information about DPW services, <u>click here</u> or call 3-1-1.