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PRESS RELEASE

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Christmas Tree Recycling Program

Lafourche Parish Government is asking residents to help fight coastal erosion by recycling their Christmas trees. Each Christmas tree recycled through this program is placed along the coastline in Lafourche Parish to help restore the coast and lessen the impact of hurricanes which causes erosion.

Curbside collection of Christmas trees will occur on January 7, 8 and 9 and again on January 14, 15 and 16. Residents wishing to participate can simply place their Christmas tree curbside, separate from garbage and trash items, for pick-up during these periods. Residents can also drop off their tree at any time in the designated bin at one of the three drop-off sites:

- Thibodaux High School
- Central Lafourche High School
- South Lafourche High School

All trees should be completely bare. Residents should remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel and tree stands. Only green trees will be collected; no flocked or artificial trees.

Any tree placed on the curbside AFTER January 16, or any tree which is not recyclable, will be picked up with the regular garbage pick-up. Again, residents are encouraged to be a part of this wonderful program and recycling their tree by bringing it curbside during one of the collection periods or by dropping it off at one of the three high school sites.

Louisiana is currently losing 25 to 35 square miles of land each year with the highest rate of land loss occurring in this area. Through this program, residents can do their part to help make a difference for future generations, as well as helping to preserve our heritage.

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