



# Talkin Trash!

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## Unlimited Collection for December Holidays

Due to the extra trash associated with the December holidays, Sanitary Services Company (SSC) is offering **unlimited trash collection for no additional charge between December 26 and December 30.**

This special collection service **does not include** bulky items such as furniture and appliances, hazardous materials, or construction and/or remodeling debris.

During this collection week, residents will be allowed to place unlimited amounts of household trash at the curb without penalty. Please fill your SSC wheeled trash carts first. **Your SSC wheeled trash cart must be at the curb for trash service to be provided.**

If you have additional household trash, please limit bags to 25 pounds or less, and cans to 50 lbs or less. Our drivers will not be responsible for overweight bags that tear.

## Christmas Tree Recycling

SSC will collect Christmas trees for recycling between **January 2 – 21, 2012.** This service is provided for no additional charge to Meridian residential trash customers.

Please remove all ornaments, tree stands, lights, and tinsel before setting your tree at the curb. To fit in our trucks, trees must be cut into sections no longer than 4 feet.

You can recycle wrapping paper (not foil paper) and boxes in your wheeled recycling cart.

Place your tree next to your wheeled trash cart. Trees will be picked up on the same day your trash is collected. SSC will take them to the Ada County sanitary landfill, where they will be ground into useful mulch.

Meridian residents can also bring their Christmas tree to the SSC transfer station free of charge from December 26 until January 31, 2012. (Limit of one tree per visit.)

The Ada County Landfill will accept Christmas trees free of charge from December 24, 2011 thru January 21, 2012.

## Holiday Schedule

Residential and commercial trash and recycling is not collected on a holiday when the Ada County sanitary landfill is closed.

If your collection day falls **before** the holiday, your trash and recycling will be collected on your usual day. If your regular garbage collection day falls **on or after** the holiday, your garbage and recycling will be collected one day later that week.

The only upcoming holiday that **will delay** collection is:

**Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 24**


There will be **no delay** in service for:

**Christmas, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day or President's Day**

## Sign Up for SSC Email Notices

Want to be notified of upcoming events, program changes, and holiday collection schedules by email?

If you would like to be added to our email distribution list, send an e-mail request to **listserve@sscwaste.com.** SSC will not sell or share your email information.

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## Unusual Fun Facts

### Christmas Trees

- Fake Christmas trees were invented by a company who made toilet bowl brushes.
- Real Christmas Trees are biodegradable, which means they can be easily reused or recycled for mulch and other purposes.
- There are about 350,000 acres in production for growing Christmas trees.
- Every acre of Christmas trees grown produces the daily oxygen requirement for 18 people.

Source: The National Christmas Tree Association

### Automobiles

- Automobiles enter a shredder at the scrap yard. The shredding process handles one car about every 45 seconds.
- By weight, the typical passenger car consists of about 65% steel and iron. The steel used in car bodies is made with about 25% recycled steel.
- The steel industry recycles more than 14 million tons of steel from automobiles each year.
- Recycling one ton of steel conserves 2,500 pounds of iron ore, 1,400 pounds of coal, and 120 pounds of limestone.

Source: Steel Recycling Institute

### Winter Dollar Stretcher

Reversing your ceiling fan is a quick, easy method to help keep you warm in winter.

By reversing the ceiling fan's direction from the summer operation, the fan will push warm air downward and force it to re-circulate, keeping you more comfortable.

How do you know the fan is running in reverse? When you look up, the blades should be turning clockwise.

Source: realestate.msn.com

## 2012 Recycling Schedule

The SSC recycling schedule for 2012 is available to download online at [www.sscwaste.com](http://www.sscwaste.com).

The recycling calendar will also be included in your December trash bill.

### Proper Disposal Guidelines

Some common household items that cannot be thrown away in your household trash include television sets, fluorescent lights, computer monitors, cleaners, pesticides, automotive fluids, batteries, prescription drugs, and paints.

Household hazardous waste can be disposed of free of charge every Monday (except major holidays) in the SSC parking lot from noon to 7:00 p.m.

Out-of-date and/or unused prescription drugs can be disposed of free of charge at the Meridian Police Department, Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Snow Removal Safety

Snow removal is a winter necessity, but it is also a physical activity that should be carefully undertaken. Every year hundreds of people injure their backs or experience other injuries by shoveling snow.

When removing snow, please consider these safety tips:

- Lift the snow with your legs and not with your back.
- Bend your knees and turn in the same direction that you are placing the snow. Avoid excess twisting.
- The average shovel holds approximately 15 pounds of snow. Try to pace yourself while shoveling, and don't pack the shovel too full.
- Stay hydrated by taking breaks to drink water.
- Don't shovel soon after you wake up. A slipped disc injury is much more likely to occur in the morning due to the build-up of fluid in the disc from lying down all night.
- Avoid cigarettes, caffeine, and heavy meals prior to removing snow.
- Wear a good hat and pair of gloves. Have a dry replacement available if your hat or gloves become overly wet or cold while outdoors.
- When snow is wet and heavy, use a snow blower if possible.

Sources: [servicemagic.com](http://servicemagic.com) and [suite101.com](http://suite101.com)



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