

EPD to launch Natural Christmas Trees Recycling Programme

To encourage the recovery and recycling of yard waste in the community, the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (December 17) 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. The Programme arrangements are as follows:

Collection Period: January 8 to 11, 2021 (four days)

Collection Points: The following Central Collection Point and District Collection Points

| Central Collection Point (CCP) | Address | Telephone | Collection Time |
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| EcoPark | 133 Lung Mun Road, Tuen Mun | 5743 9221 | 9am to 6pm |
| District Collection Points (DCPs) (including EPD's Recycling Stations and Food and Environmental Hygiene Department's Refuse Collection Points (RCPs)) | Address | Telephone | Collection Time |
| (Only household NCTs 2 metres tall or below will be accepted.) | | | |
| Hong Kong Island | | | |
| 1. GREEN @ EASTERN | 30 Oi Shun Road, Shau Kei Wan | 2778 2330 | 9am to 6pm |
| 2. Ap Lei Chau Municipal Services Building RCP | Ap Lei Chau Municipal Services Building, 8 Hung Shing Street, Ap Lei Chau | Not applicable | 7am to 9.30pm |
| 3. Arbuthnot Road RCP | Junction of Arbuthnot Road and Caine Road, Central | | 6.30am to 3.30pm |
| 4. Paterson Street RCP | Junction of Paterson Street and Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay | | 6.30am to 9.30pm |
| Kowloon | | | |

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| 5. GREEN @ KWUN TONG | 27 Sheung Yee Road, Kowloon Bay | 2776 5700 | 9am to 6pm |
| 6. GREEN @ SHAM SHUI PO | 339 Tung Chau Street, Sham Shui Po | 2522 4388 | |
| 7. Sai Yee Street (Flower Market Road) RCP | 188 Sai Yee Street, Mong Kok | Not applicable | 6.30am to 9pm |
| New Territories | | | |
| 8. GREEN @ SHA TIN | 10 On Ping Street, Shek Mun | 2285 9433 | 9am to 6pm |
| 9. GREEN @ YUEN LONG | 65 Tin Wah Road, Tin Shui Wai | 2617 0117 | |
| 10. GREEN @ TUEN MUN | 9 Tuen Yee Street, Tuen Mun | 2496 4288 | |
| 11. GREEN @ KWAI TSING | 12 Tam Kon Shan Road, Tsing Yi | 3905 4840 | |
| 12. GREEN @ TAI PO | 25 Dai Wah Street, Tai Po | 3614 0598 | |
| 13. GREEN @ ISLANDS | 1 Chung Mun Road, Tung Chung | 2499 2308 | |

Note: If members of the public and C&I organisations still need to recycle NCTs from January 12 to 25, 2021, please make appointments with the EPD's contractor (Tel: 5743 9221) prior to the delivery of NCTs to the CCP in the EcoPark.

An EPD spokesman said that upon the commissioning of the yard waste recycling centre, Y&PARK, in the second quarter of 2021 tentatively, suitable NCTs and other yard waste will be turned into more types of useful materials, such as compost and mulch for gardening and planting, wood boards and wood beams to facilitate its reuse, recycling or upcycling into decoration and wood art products, etc.

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 the 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 who deliver NCTs to the CCP or the Recycling Stations (previously called Community Green Stations) for recycling. Participants will also receive a gift upon delivery of NCTs to the Recycling Stations while stocks last. For details of the NCTs Recycling Programme, please visit the Hong Kong Waste Reduction website at www.wastereduction.gov.hk/en/natural-christmas-trees-recycling-programme-2020.html.

As well, there is co-operation between the NCTs Recycling Programme and

the "GREEN\$ Electronic Participation Incentive Scheme" this year. Participants who recycle NCTs at the Recycling Stations within the collection period can register to receive a GREEN\$ Card, to earn GREEN\$ for redemption of gift items when submitting recyclables. For details of the "GREEN\$ Electronic Participation Incentive Scheme", please visit the Hong Kong Waste Reduction website at www.wastereduction.gov.hk/en/community/crn_intro.htm.

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.