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## Suggestions on how to Recycle/Dispose of a Christmas Tree

There are many ways to recycle or dispose of a Christmas tree after the Holidays are over. The first step is getting the tree out of the house without leaving a trail of dried needles along the way. The ideal method is to use a tree bag and place it under the tree when you first set it up. When you are done with the tree, the bag may be pulled up around the tree after removing the lights and decorations and may then be removed from the house without a mess. Another method is to place a drop cloth down, preferably one made of cloth and not the thin plastic type. Lay the tree, minus the lights and decorations on the cloth, wrap the tree the best you can in the drop cloth then remove the tree from the unit.



Both of these methods will work to reduce the mess in the interior common area hall as well as the exterior of the property. If you wish to recycle your Christmas tree, the internet may be a great tool in finding a resource; just search for "recycle Christmas trees" and check for local listings.

In any form you chose to dispose or recycle your tree, we kindly ask that you please be considerate with our cleaning crew during the process. If your tree drops needles in the common area hallways, please vacuum them up! Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.



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## A Little Bit of Humor...

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid December. Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring. Therefore, according to every historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, every single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen - had to be a female. We should've known. Only women would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost.



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## Poinsettia Trivia

The holiday season is just around the corner. You'll be sure to see lots of America's favorite holiday plant in stores soon. Test your poinsettia knowledge with this trivia quiz!

1. The poinsettia plant is named after Dr. Joel R. Poinsett, a U.S. diplomat who served as an ambassador to which country in the 1820's?
2. In Mexico, what is the poinsettia called?
3. Poinsettia plants come in more than just red. Name some of the other colors it comes in.
4. True or false: Poinsettias should be placed in direct sunlight.
5. The shape of the center of the poinsettia represents what?
6. True or false: The red part of the poinsettia are actually leaves.
7. In nature, how tall does a poinsettia plant grow?
8. What percent of potted plant sales during the holiday season are poinsettias?
9. Which U.S. state is the top producing state of poinsettias?
10. True or false: Poinsettias are poisonous.



### Answers:

1. Mexico.
2. Flor de la Noche
3. Buena, meaning the Holy Night Flower.
4. Ten mistaken for petals.
5. Peach, pink, lemon, cream, and white.
6. True. The actual flower is small and yellow. The red leaves are often mistaken for petals.
7. Ten feet tall.
8. 85 percent.
9. California.
10. False, despite common belief.
5. The Star of Bethlehem.



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