

## Sustainability Events for December

**Christmas Tree Farms in West TN.** The TN Department of Agriculture would like for you to know that “Christmas tree farms grow a completely *renewable & recyclable* resource that contains no petroleum products and leaves a very small carbon footprint. Buying a natural tree from a nearby farm is a great holiday gift to the environment and to local farmers.” Click here for farms in West TN: <http://www.agriculture.state.tn.us/Marketing.asp?qstring=XDI#wes>

**Shelby Farms Volunteer Day** - (Dec 7). Monthly volunteer opportunities to mulch, garden, remove privet, and repair trails. Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/1dhv3kk>

**Recycle floral vase program** For the next few weeks, take your floral vases to any Pugh’s Flowers location in Memphis for a gift card (\$1 for every vase). Those that cannot be reused will be properly recycled. <http://bit.ly/1dkyNI2>



**Christmas Tree Recycling** – (Dec 22-Jan 10) It is the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the collection program. Take your Christmas tree, wreaths, garlands & greenery to the Christmas tree recycling center located in the south parking lot of the Shelby County Showplace Arena (105 Germantown Rd). Last year 47.5 tons of Christmas greenery were collected and turned into mulch. Mulch will be available to the public in the spring.

Did you know you can drop off **unwanted prescriptions** throughout the year at the Shelby County Sheriff’s Station, [11670 Memphis-Arlington Rd in Arlington](http://www.shelbycountysheriff.com)? Flushing medication is not advised since it could contaminate the water table. For questions call 901-222-5400.



**Living Lands & Waters** will be cleaning up McKellar Lake this spring. College students come from around the nation to spend their spring breaks cleaning out trash from our waterways. It is a positive and fun experience! The leader, Chad Pregracke was just awarded **CNN’s Hero of the Year** and received \$250,000 to put toward cleaning the Mississippi. Our community will see a direct benefit from this! If you know of someone who would like to spend a fun-filled week on the water please send them this link: <http://www.livinglandsandwaters.org/events/view/alternative-spring-break> & watch Chad on CNN ([Dec 1, 7pm](http://www.cnn.com)) for the Hero program with footage from McKellar Lake.

Did you know curbside recycling for City of Memphis now accepts **beverage cartons** (shelf-stable & refrigerated cartons such as: juice, soy milk, soup, wine, cream, & egg substitutes)? More info here: <http://bit.ly/1ex7wgc> Please share this link with your friends on facebook: <http://goo.gl/F81j1l>



**Community Garden Grants.** GrowMemphis is accepting applications for their community garden grant process through Jan 2. Download application here: <http://bit.ly/17pws3s>

Great opportunity to **win \$500** for a rain garden design from the state American Society of Landscape Architects. The site is in Nashville, but you don't have to live there to enter a design. More details here: <http://www.sustainableshelby.com/rain-garden-design-competition>

Thanks!

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