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Shelby County Public Works to Recycle Holiday Trees

Shelby County will again operate a recycling center for holiday trees and greenery.

From December 22 through January 11, 2013, trees, wreaths and other greenery free of lights and decorations may be dropped off at any time in the south parking lot of the Showplace Arena, 105 South Germantown Road.

“We want citizens to take advantage of this free service. It will help prevent many of these trees and other items from being dumped along the roadsides,” said Tom Needham, Director of Shelby County Public Works.

The trees and greenery will be turned into mulch and will be available to citizens next spring and fall during *Earth Day* events.

The recycling initiative is funded by a litter removal grant from the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation.

This is the 14th year for the holiday recycling program. It's part of Shelby County's "Sustainable Shelby" plan, which focuses on ways to conserve energy and protect natural resources.

For more information, contact Lisa Williams with the Shelby County Public Works Environmental Program at **(901) 222-7770**.

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