



CITY OF KENNER

PRESS RELEASE

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KENNER CHRISTMAS GARBAGE COLLECTION AND CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING Tuesday and Wednesday Routes Scheduled for Wednesday Pickup

Kenner, LA – Dec. 18, 2012

Officials of Ramelli Waste LLC said that garbage will not be picked up in Kenner on December 25th, Christmas Day, so its employees can be with their families for the holiday.

Residents who live along the routes normally collected on Tuesday should put their garbage containers curbside on Tuesday night. Pickups for both Tuesday and Wednesday routes will be made on Wednesday, December 26th.

Ramelli will once again collect real trees for beneficial re-use in conjunction with the Jefferson Parish Christmas tree recycling project. Residents of Kenner are advised to place their trees curbside on the evening of January 9, 2013. Garbage trucks will make one pass through each neighborhood to collect trees within the dates of January 10, 11, and 12, 2013. All decorations and tree stands should be removed. Flocked or painted trees are not eligible for the program and should be placed out for normal garbage pick-up.

Kenner Mayor Michael S. Yenni wishes all Kenner residents a very Merry Christmas and thanks them in advance for their cooperation in this regard.

For any questions regarding the garbage collection call Ramelli Waste at 482-2040. For any questions regarding the Christmas Tree Recycling Program, including volunteer opportunities, please contact the Jefferson Parish Department of Environmental Affairs at 731-4612.

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NEWS RELEASE

JEFFERSON PARISH, LOUISIANA

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

JEFFERSON PARISH PREPARES FOR 23RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROJECT

The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources has eliminated funding for Christmas tree marsh restoration programs throughout the state, however, the Jefferson Parish Department of Environmental Affairs will continue to recycle all the trees collected in Jefferson Parish for a beneficial re-use – either marsh restoration or composting.

All Jefferson Parish residents, including unincorporated areas, the Town of Jean Lafitte, Gretna, Harahan, Kenner and Westwego are advised to place trees curbside on the evening of **Wednesday, January 9, 2013**. Garbage trucks will make **one pass** through each neighborhood to collect trees within the dates of January 10, 11, and 12, 2013. In years past, trees were typically collected on the second scheduled garbage collection day.

Residents wishing to participate in the program are asked to remove all lights, tinsel, garland, ornaments, tree stands and plastic bags from their Christmas trees and leave them on the curb for collection. *Artificial, flocked or painted trees are not eligible for the program.*

This year's project will have three (3) phases. Some of the trees will be placed in the marsh, refurbishing previously constructed shoreline fences in Goose Bayou near Lafitte; others will be used to assist Plaquemines Parish with a project in Lake Hermitage, which also serves to protect Jefferson's coastal wetlands; and some trees will be used in a pilot project wherein Wood Materials, LLC will chip the trees to be used in composting.

Volunteers are needed, especially those with shallow draft boats, to move trees from a staging area to within pre-constructed shoreline fences. Volunteers will meet at 8:00 a.m. at Cochiara's Marina, 4477 Jean Lafitte Boulevard in Lafitte and move trees to the pre-constructed shoreline fences in Goose Bayou, near the Town of Jean Lafitte on Saturday, January 12th. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age, wear layered clothing including long pants, long sleeved shirt, and closed-toe, sturdy shoes. Hats and sunscreen are recommended. Gloves, safety glasses, life vests, lunch and refreshments will be provided.

For more information or to volunteer, contact the Jefferson Parish Department of Environmental Affairs at (504) 731-4612.