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## **CITY OF KENNER**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

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### ***KENNER RESIDENTS CAN PUT CHRISTMAS TREES ON CURB FOR COLLECTION TONIGHT***

**Kenner, LA.** – Kenner residents can put their Christmas trees on the curb tonight to be collected beginning Wednesday as part of the Jefferson Parish annual Christmas Tree Recycling Project.

Trees collected throughout the parish will be used either for marsh restoration or to be composted. Collection will continue through Saturday, Jan. 10.

Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni urged residents to participate in the program, and emphasized that all trees should be out on the curb tonight.

“The collection of the trees for this recycling project is not connected to regular garbage pickup,” Yenni said. “So even if your normal collection day is Friday, it’s possible the one time crews will come around your neighborhood for the Christmas trees is Wednesday.”

Flocked, painted or artificial trees cannot be recycled, and therefore, will be picked up along with regular garbage collection items. Residents must remove all decorations and lights from the trees, including tinsel, ornaments, tree stands and plastic bags.

This is the 25<sup>th</sup> year for the recycling project. Some of the trees are placed in the marsh to buttress shoreline fences that have previously been constructed in Goose Bayou near Lafitte to protect and restore coastal wetlands. Other trees will be brought to Wood Materials, LLC to be chipped and used as compost.

Parish officials are looking for volunteers, particularly those with shallow draft boats, to help move the trees from a staging area in Lafitte to the area of the pre-constructed shoreline fences in Goose Bayou. Volunteers will meet at 8 a.m. at Cochiara’s Marine, 4477 Jean Lafitte Boulevard in Lafitte on Jan. 10.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and should wear layered clothing, long pants and long-sleeved shirts and closed-toe, hard sole sturdy shoes. 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.

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