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Eco Buzz

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The City of Calgary will be picking up Christmas trees for recycling for the first time this year.

Previously, the city collected trees through drop-off depots. Through the new program, the city hopes to improve upon the 30,000 trees that were collected last year.

Given that the collected trees are mulched and returned to city green spaces, don't forget to remove all ornaments and tinsel – and don't bag your tree.

The city has set two dates that it will pick up trees from Calgary households that receive city residential garbage collection.

Place your tree where you normally put your garbage for pickup by 7 a.m. on Jan. 9 or Jan. 16.

The city also has eight temporary drop-off depots for trees, open until Jan. 18. To find the one closest to you, visit calgary.ca/wasteor call 311.

Cleaning company recognized

Award - SerVantage Services has been nominated to receive the EcoLogo Environmental Stewardship Award, an award that recognizes organizations for their commitment to environmental protection through green purchasing.

"We would like to congratulate SerVantage for taking the lead in the janitorial and sanitation industry by buying more environmentally preferable cleaning products," says Scot Case, executive director of the EcoLogo Program. "Switching to EcoLogocertified cleaners means better health for the occupants of the buildings you maintain, your staff and the environment."

With the use of conventional products, SerVantage would receive complaints regarding skin irritations and fragrances from employees. To resolve these issues, SerVantage made the switch to EcoLogo-certified cleaning solutions.

Thinking outside the box

Moving - Another Calgary company has started offering a smart moving solution.

Ecobox (ecobox.ca) rents boxes made of recyclable plastic, so you can avoid single-use cardboard boxes. Once you place your order, the boxes will be delivered to your home one week before your move and retrieved one week after your move. There are discounts on extra weeks.

For 150 boxes (100 large and 50 medium), you'll pay \$379. Visit ecobox.ca for more information.