

Now that the holidays are over it's time to recycle those trees. The Kitsap County Treecycle Program runs through January 14 at drop box facilities throughout the county. Read on for the locations nearest you.

Treecycling has become a tradition for Kitsap County residents. Last year nearly 3,500 holiday trees were brought in by residents and chipped for use as mulch in a variety of landscape projects. Residents are reminded to remove all nails, tinsel, lights and ornaments before bringing their tree to the recycling stations. Flocked trees can be potentially harmful to the environment and cannot be accepted.

If you live near the treecycling centers the County chipping crews will drop off chips for use in your gardens as long as quantities last. To get on the "free chips" list, call "The Open Line" at 360-337-5777 or toll free at 800-825-4940.

- Hansville Drop-Box Facility (off Hansville Road) Wednesday through Monday 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Olalla Drop-Box Facility (on Olalla-Burley Rd) Friday through Tuesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Olympic View Sanitary Landfill (Olympic View Industrial Park on State Route 3) Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- City of Bremerton Public Works (100 Oyster Bay Ave in West Bremerton) Daily
- City of Bremerton Water Utility Building (3027 Olympus Drive in East Bremerton) Daily
- Silverdale Drop-Box Facility (8843 NW Dicky Road) Daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Vincent Road Drop-Box Facility on Bainbridge Island Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- City of Poulsbo – Residents may put clean trees out on the curb on their regular trash pick-up day from January 7 through 11

Boy Scout troops will accept trees at the following locations in East Bremerton and Silverdale: Wheaton Way and Silverdale Bucklin Hill Road Taco Bells on Saturday, January 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, January 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Scouts will cheerfully accept monetary donations for Scouting projects. For information email [Troop1541@aol.com](mailto:Troop1541@aol.com) or call 360-308-8363. In Port Orchard Boy Scout troops will pick up trees for a donation to their projects. Call 360-876-0349 to make arrangements.

While we're on the subject of trees I asked Janet Brown and Jim Trainer, arborists with Asplundh and Puget Sound Energy about hazard trees and their own favorite trees. First of all here is their list of trees NOT to plant and why: Willow and Poplar (weak limbs and tops); Alder (rot and shatter); Atlas & Deodar Cedars and Leyland Cypress (brittle wood, branches drop); Big Leaf Maple (decay, multiple stems, fall apart); Linden (narrow crotches, included bark); Black Locust (branch failure due to decay and poor attachments, weedy tree); Chokecherry (brittle wood); Doug Fir (laminated root rot); and Sweet Gum (brittle wood and narrow crotches). This doesn't mean you have to rid your property of all these trees it just means you might want to consider carefully and perhaps not plant them when looking for a tree for your landscape.

Jim's favorite tree is the Gingko "because it's a living fossil much like himself!" His favorite native tree is the Hemlock. "Native people say that its drooping top is actually bowing to the more majestic (in stature) Douglas Fir," Jim said.

Janet's favorite tree is the Kousa Dogwood. "It's hardy and pretty much anthracnose-free and fits well in small landscapes and under power lines," she said, adding, "My favorite native is the Western Red Cedar because it was in the cornerstone of our coastal Native American culture."

Jim and Janet will come to talk to groups about trees and can be contacted to provide abundant information about trees in our home landscapes. You can reach Janet at 360-475-7067 and Jim at 888-225-5773. Or via email at [zjbrown@puget.com](mailto:zjbrown@puget.com) (Janet) and [atrain91@hotmail.com](mailto:atrain91@hotmail.com) (Jim).