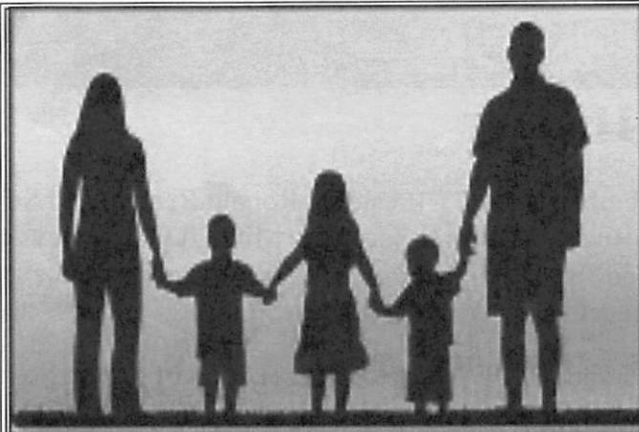




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DO SOME GOOD FOR SOMEONE EACH DAY



Are live Christmas trees bad for the environment?

At its core, cutting down a whole tree may feel unnecessary and even downright bad for the environment. However, this isn't exactly the truth. It may come as a surprise (a good one)

that many trees in the UK are specially planted and farmed responsibly for Christmas. For example, many manufacturers plant an X number of trees for every one they cut down.

Also, it's important to note that trees that are planted for the winter holidays actually do a lot of good for the environment by only growing – for example, they lower the carbon dioxide levels in the air and emit fresh oxygen.

So, by buying a live Christmas tree, not only are you not hurting the planet – you are giving it a helping hand.

What is more sustainable: Real or fake trees? The short answer is: real Christmas trees are far more sustainable. As we've already mentioned, while cutting down a whole tree just to have it as a decoration for the holidays may sound non-eco-friendly, it's the better option. Live trees have a smaller carbon footprint and are better for the environment.

Fake Christmas trees are often made from practically unrecyclable materials and do a lot of harm when disposed of. To give you a better picture, an artificial tree's carbon footprint is 40 kg of CO₂, while that of a real one is only 3.5 kg of CO₂. That is no small difference.

The benefits of having a real Christmas tree Besides looking festive and smelling amazing, real Christmas trees have a long list of other benefits, both environmental and health-related. That being said, if you still haven't made up your mind if you want to switch to a live tree for the holidays or not, check out some of the perks of buying a natural Christmas tree below:

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This Month in History

December 1, 1942 - The Beveridge Report was published in Britain envisioning the welfare state including insurance for the entire population.

December 1, 1955 - The birth of the modern American civil rights movement occurred as Rosa Parks was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to give up her seat to a white man and move to the back section of a municipal bus. Her arrest resulted in a year-long boycott of the city bus system by African Americans and led to legal actions ending racial segregation on municipal buses throughout the South.

December 1, 1988 - Benazir Bhutto was nominated to become prime minister of Pakistan, the first woman to govern a Muslim nation.

December 1, 1989 - Mikhail Gorbachev became the first Soviet Russian leader to visit the Vatican and meet the Pope, thus ending 72 years of strict atheist policy in Communist Russia.

December 1, 1990 - England was connected to mainland Europe for the first time since the Ice Age as engineers digging a railway tunnel under the English Channel broke through the last rock layer.

December 7, 1941 - The U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was attacked by nearly 200 Japanese aircraft in a raid that lasted just over one hour and left nearly 3,000 Americans dead.

Birthday - Wax modeler Marie Tussaud (1761-1850) was born in Bern, Switzerland. She established Madame Tussaud's waxworks in London in 1802 and later added a Chamber of Horrors. December 8

December 8, 1940 - During the Blitz, the House of Commons and Tower of London were seriously damaged amid an overnight air raid by German bombers on London.

December 8, 1941 - A day after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States and Britain declared war on Japan.

December 8, 1980 - Former Beatle musician John Lennon was assassinated in New York City.

December 8, 1987 - President Ronald Reagan and Soviet Russia's General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev signed the INF Treaty eliminating all intermediate range and shorter-range nuclear missiles.

December 8, 1991 - The USSR (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) ceased to exist, as the leaders of Russia, Byelorussia and the Ukraine signed an agreement creating the Commonwealth of Independent States. The remaining republics of the former USSR, with the exception of Georgia, joined the new Commonwealth.

December 14, 1799 - George Washington died at Mount Vernon.

December 14, 1861 - In Britain, Prince Albert died of typhoid at Windsor Castle. He was the consort and husband of Queen Victoria of England. Following his death, the Queen went into an extended period of mourning.

December 14, 1911 - Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen became the first person to reach the South Pole.

December 14, 1918 - British women voted for the first time in a general election and were allowed to run for office.

December 14, 1927 - Britain recognized independent Iraq and supported Iraqi admission to the League of Nations.

December 14, 1935 - Thomas Masaryk, founder and first president of the Czechoslovak Republic, resigned and was succeeded by Edvard Benes.

December 14, 1939 - The League of Nations expelled Soviet Russia for its aggression against Finland.

December 14, 1962 - The Mariner II space probe sent back information from the planet Venus, the first information ever received from another planet.

December 19, 1732 - Benjamin Franklin first published Poor Richard's Almanac containing weather predictions, humor, proverbs and epigrams, eventually selling nearly 10,000 copies per year.

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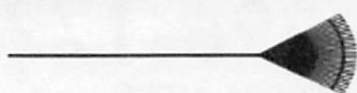
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The carbon footprint is significantly lower

One of the many benefits of having a real tree for the holidays is its significantly lower carbon footprint. Of course, how the tree will be disposed of afterwards also affects the impact that it will leave on the environment. That said, even the worst real tree disposal method out there will be less harmful than that of a fake one.

Real Christmas trees are biodegradable and recyclable

Real Christmas trees are biodegradable and recyclable, which, again, means that investing in one will be far better for the enrolment than buying the fake version. When the time to take down and dispose of your tree comes, you can either get imaginative and create something for your home, use it for firewood, or look up recycling programmes in your area.

You can get a potted tree If you are committed to having the most sustainable Christmas possible, you can opt for a potted tree. They are carbon neutral and renewable, which makes them environmentally friendly. The best part of potted trees is that if you take the time to learn more about them and provide them with the proper conditions during their stay at your home, you can plant them in your garden afterwards.

It's better for your health

Investing in a real Christmas tree this holiday season is not only better for the environment – it's also better for your health. Trees produce natural oils, called phytoncides, which have been proven to be very beneficial for the human body. From making you feel more relaxed and calm to improving your sleep, a real Christmas tree in your home is definitely the better alternative.

Ways to recycle your Christmas tree

Now that we've talked about why it's better to have a real tree for the holidays, there is another important topic that we need to cover – how to recycle the plant once Christmas is over.

There are many fast and easy options out there, including hiring a company to remove and dispose of the tree. However, if you are the type of person who likes doing things themselves, we've got you. Here are four great Christmas tree recycling options to try out:

Plant it in your garden

As we've already mentioned, if you decide to get a potted Christmas tree, you'll have the great option to plant it in your garden afterwards. Just remember that for this to be possible, you'll need to take extra good care of your tree while it's indoors. Otherwise, there is a high risk of it not surviving.

Make organic mulch

Another great way to recycle your Christmas tree is by transforming it into mulch for your garden. The wood and pine needles mixture will do wonders for your green space. Note that the only thing you'll need is a shredder. If you don't have one but don't want to spend the extra money, you can always rent the machine.

Create a bird feeder Do you want to help wildlife during the winter months? Then bring your tree outside, and make it a bird feeder. This is an enjoyable project, which you can take on with your kids. You can make edible ornaments by slicing pieces of fruit and tying them with a string, covering pinecones in organic peanut butter and seeds, or by stringing popcorn.



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Charlene Byrd was born in South Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1945. She was an only child, raised by her mother until she remarried when Charlene was 14 years old. Her new step-father was in the Navy, so they relocated to San Diego the following year. Some years into her young adulthood, she gained employment as a key-punch operator. She worked part-time and raised her son, Jason, born in 1975, who became big brother to sister, Stephanie, in 1982. Lacking excitement in her professional life, she endeavored to apply her love of traveling into a career. So in 1976, Charlene went to travel school and two years later, opened "Byrd House Travel & Cruises Inc.," in Clairemont. The business included the planning and scudding all things needed for those traveling to destinations all over the world. Alongside and in conjunction with the Diocese of San Diego, Charlene also personally led many religious tours to the Holy Land. These tour groups consisted of up to 50 people at a time! She organized many group-cruises and contracted several large corporate companies their travel by air. Byrd House Travel became one of the largest travel agencies in San Diego; employing six in-house agents and 48 outside agents.

Charlene loved her traveling career, but was ready to leave behind what had become the babysitting of attendeesoftentimes, long into the night. She soon received an offer that was too good to pass up, and sold the company in 1998. It was at this point in time Charlene traded one adventuresome career for another---Real Estate.

Charlene best explains the exchange of careers like this: "I love helping people---so like travel, it's the same, except the product and paperwork changed!" She has sold all forms of Real Estate: single-family homes, duplexes and even apartment buildings. Charlene loved Clairemont so much that she decided to sell only here and surrounding areas.

Within her aspirations of love for others, Charlene has served our community for over 40 years as an ordained Eucharist Minister. Now retired, she remembers the peaceful joy and gratitude reflected in the faces of the ill-fated and home-bound elderly whence she arrived to bestow them God's REAL presence by administering the Holy Sacrament. A service she has also given many here at Kearney Lodge.

Charlene has lived in Kearney Lodge for 22 years, and is a grandmother of three: Jesse, 24, Isabella, 24, and Christina, 16. Jesse lives here with her, along with poodle Bella, kitty-cat Lucy & skinny Guinea Moka! In spite of trying to retire year after year, she cannot refuse help to those still needing her realty services. She told me, for all the years that she has been selling here at the park, she has not forgotten even one of her clients--"They were all very dear to me..." and that she was sad when they left---"The people who live here at Kearney Lodge are very special people."

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