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Christmas tree collection to begin on Tuesday, December 26

The Milwaukee Common Council on Tuesday, December 12 adopted file #231328 – a resolution directing the Department of Public Works to pick up and responsibly dispose of Christmas trees. The file, introduced by **Alderman Robert J. Bauman** and unanimously adopted by the Council, came in response to news that the Department of Public Works (DPW) would cease curbside collection of real Christmas trees after being noticed for non-compliance by the Department of Natural Resources.

“Curbside tree collection following Christmas is a valuable service that our residents utilize and plan around, and many were upset when that service was set to disappear on short notice before the holidays. As such, the Council acted to ensure that tree collection would continue this year,” said Alderman Bauman.

Tree collection will begin on Tuesday, December 26. Cut (live) Christmas trees should be placed at the standard collection point in the alley or at the curb, be free of all decorations, and should not be bagged. DPW crews will begin the citywide collection as a separate operation from weekly garbage service, and will adjust the collection service based on the volume of trees placed for pick up. All collected trees will be sustainably composted. Those wanting to dispose of their tree directly can do so by visiting a city [Drop Off Center](#) during regular hours of operation. Additional information and updates can be found by visiting Milwaukee.gov/holidaytrees.