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SMALL IN SIZE BIG  
ON PRIDE**

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**SANTA CLAUS  
IS COMING TO LEXINGTON**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21st**

HERE COMES SANTA ATOP

**THE BIG RED FIRE TRUCK**



WITH THE LEXINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ELVES SPREADING CHEER UP AND DOWN OUR CITY STREETS.  
WATCH FOR SANTA AND HIS HELPERS COMING THROUGH  
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD  
(LATE AFTERNOON / EARLY EVENING)

They will be  
collecting  
non-perishable  
food donations  
benefiting the  
local food shelf.

Non-perishable food  
items can be brought  
to City Hall anytime



*Please give generously*

**Garbage Cart Placement**

Snowplow crews rely on residents' help to place garbage, recycling and yard waste carts behind the curb when it is trash pick-up day. Carts placed in the street interfere with snowplowing operations. Crews are unable to plow the streets from curb-to-curb when carts are in the street. If trash / recycling pickup day coincides with plowing activities, make sure your trash can and recycling bin are well behind the curb or in the driveway so the plow & the snow pushed up from the plows will not hit them.



**Memorial Parks Ice Rink will be  
open once the weather is cold  
enough for the ice to form. The rink  
is open each day during park hours.  
*Weather Permitting***



**Send us some pictures of  
your Christmas Festivities  
to decorate our  
*Seen Around Town*  
web page**

[brenda.beaudet@cityoflexingtonmn.org](mailto:brenda.beaudet@cityoflexingtonmn.org)



# How to Keep Your Christmas Tree Fresh Longer



## 1. Choose a healthy Christmas tree.

First, note that if you prefer to buy your tree from a garden store or roadside lot, it likely came from out-of-state and has been exposed to drying winds in transit. So if you're looking to start with the freshest possible tree, opt to pick one up from your local Christmas tree farm. Either way, it's essential to know how to choose the best Christmas tree. Follow these tips on how to shop for a Christmas tree:

- Look for a healthy, green tree with the least amount of brown needles.
  - Select a tree displayed in a shady location. Avoid picking from a sunny area.
  - Run a few branches through your hands. The needles should feel pliable and not fall off.
- Raise the tree a few inches, then drop the trunk into the ground. Very few green needles should fall off, but it's fine if the tree loses a few brown ones.

## 2. Trim the trunk (and then trim it again).

When you purchase a Christmas tree, make sure the seller makes a **fresh cut straight across the base of the trunk** to aid water absorption. This gets rid of any dried-over resin that might block the tree from absorbing water. When you get home, if you're not putting your tree up right away, place it in a bucket of water. (Note that you should always store real trees in an unheated garage or area that's protected from wind and freezing temperatures.)

When you're ready to bring it inside, make another **fresh one-inch cut off the bottom of the trunk**. Once inside, place it in a sturdy stand that holds at least one gallon of water.

## 3. Make sure your Christmas tree always has enough water.

Don't forget to regularly give your Christmas tree water — too little can cause resin to form, which means the tree won't absorb water and it will dry out quickly. Here's an easy way to figure out how much water your tree needs: **For every inch of the trunk's diameter, fill the stand with one quart of water.**

Even though you've heard people talk about adding things like bleach, corn syrup, aspirin, and sugar to the water, tree preservatives and additives are probably unnecessary. Most experts agree that plenty of plain water is all you need to keep a tree fresh. Just remember to **check the water level daily** — it should always cover the cut end of the trunk. Refill as needed.

If you lower the temperature in the room, it can help slow down the drying process (and therefore result in your tree requiring a bit less water), according to the National Christmas Tree Association.

## 4. Keep it away from heat sources.

Sure, there's nothing more lovely than a beautifully decorated Christmas tree beside a roaring fireplace — but, along with sunlight, radiators, air ducts, and stoves, a regularly used fireplace could contribute to your tree drying out at a much quicker pace. If your home is prone to dryness, try using a humidifier to add moisture to the room.

## 5. Take your tree down *before* it dries out.

If you wait too long, you'll have more dead pine needles covering your floor than you want. The easiest way to clean up fallen needles is by using your vacuum's hose. Skip the fancy attachments and just use the end of the hose to draw needles directly into the bag or canister. When you're officially done with your tree, you have a couple options. You can start a new compost pile with it, recycle it, or turn it into mulch yourself. You can also ask your town about what disposal options it offers for more eco-friendly ways to get rid of your Christmas tree.

**Anoka County Compost Site  
Winter Hours  
Saturday's from 9:00-1:00 only**

**Bunker Hills 13285 Hanson Blvd NW Coon Rapids / Rice Creek 7701 Main Street Lino Lakes**

To properly dispose of your Christmas tree, garland & wreaths you can bring them to one of the compost sites in the county. They accept grass, leaves, non-woody yard waste, tree waste and organics. You are required to unload your own yard waste and take empty bags/containers with you. Tree waste may be loose or bundled.

Check out their website for times they are open & fees

[www.anokacounty.us/359/Compost-Sites](http://www.anokacounty.us/359/Compost-Sites)



## GRANNY'S CHRISTMAS CLOSET

The City of Lexington is once again sponsoring a drop off for new / gently used clothing, particularly warm winter gear for seniors & adults with disabilities in Anoka County

They are in need of both men's and women's clothes of any size, any color.

You can bring these items to the City of Lexington City Hall drop box.

M-F 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

or contact Granny's Closet at

**(651) 363-4867**

**grannysclosetmn@gmail.com**

**Thank you for your help and generosity !**

### NEEDED ITEMS:

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| ♦ Socks                | ♦ Hats             |
| ♦ Sweaters             | ♦ Nightgowns       |
| ♦ Sweat shirts & pants | ♦ Robes            |
| ♦ Underwear            | ♦ Shirts           |
| ♦ Pajamas              | ♦ Blouses          |
| ♦ Mittens              | ♦ Pants & Slacks   |
| ♦ Gloves               | ♦ Hygiene Products |

**Lexington Fire Department**  
**Bell ringing for the Salvation Army**  
**will be at Festival Foods on Dec 14th**  
**Stop out and say HI!**

*you might get a song out of them as well*



Lexington's Public Works Department would like to offer the residents on corner lots or curved streets, free curb markers that you can place directly at the curb to help the plow drivers save some sod on the first few snow falls. Once the snow banks get built up and they are wing plowed further back, the markers will get broken off and will not be needed any more. The markers will be available at city hall. You can also mark utility, cable, phone boxes etc.

With all the holiday cooking going on this time of year please check to make sure your smoke detectors are in working order. Cooking leads to over 70% of fire injuries this time of the year. Remember to change the batteries in your smoke detector 2 times a year and have one in every bedroom, in the hall outside each bedroom and on each level of your home.

### Holiday Lighting Contest

Judging will take place the week of  
**December 9th-15th**

The entire City qualifies  
 The Park Board will be judging the contest  
 Winners will be notified

**1st ~\$100 2nd~\$50 3rd~\$25**

*Thank you to the Lexington Fire Relief for donating the prize money*

**Good Luck**

## LEXINGTON MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE

For great deals on beer, wine, liquor, mixes and pop for your holiday get together

9271 South Highway Drive  
 Lexington, MN 55014  
**763-786-0198**



**Gift Certificates available.**

**CLUB 50+ Discount ~ every Monday**

**Wine Specials ~ every Wednesday**

**Top Ten Beer Specials ~ every Thursday**

*We're thankful for your business and appreciate your loyalty!*

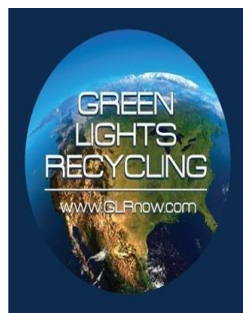


### Parking restrictions are in Effect

\*\*\***No Parking** allowed on City streets between the hours of 2 AM and 6 AM without an emergency parking permit issued by staff at City Hall.

\*\*\***No Parking** on any street after a snowfall with accumulations of 2 inches or more until all snow, ice and similar debris have been removed from the paved portion of the street.

\*\*\* **It is illegal** to remove snow from private property and place it on the road or sidewalk.



### Green Lights Recycling

will accept holiday string lights, cables and extension cords for **free** on the **2nd Saturday of every month.**

Contact them at (763) 785-0456 for more details.

10040 Davenport St NE  
 Blaine, MN 55449



9180 Lexington Avenue  
Lexington, MN 55014

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55014  
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Small in size...

**Big on  
Pride.**

### *Dispose of Your Christmas Tree after the Holiday's*

#### **Waste Management Customers**

Please contact them  
at **888-960-0008**  
to schedule your  
Christmas tree  
pickup and get  
additional details  
regarding fees.

#### **Walters Customers**

During the weeks of  
January 6th & 13th  
Walters will pick up  
Christmas trees  
You must call them at  
**763-780-8464** to schedule.  
There is **no fee during these  
weeks.**

#### **Ace Solid Waste Customers**

During the 2nd week of  
January, Ace will pick up  
at curbside your  
undecorated and  
unbagged tree.  
There is an **fee** for this  
service. Please contact  
them at **763-427-3110**  
for details.

### **SAVE ENERGY THIS WINTER**

Caulk and weather-strip doors and  
windows that leak air.

Install rubber gaskets behind outlets  
and switch plates on exterior walls.

Caulk and seal air leaks where  
plumbing, ducting, or electrical wiring  
penetrates through exterior walls,  
floors, ceilings and soffits  
over cabinets.

*Lexington City Council  
and Staff wish all of our  
residents and businesses a  
Very Happy and  
Safe Holiday Season!*

*With the weather getting snowy and colder try and  
help out your neighbors with their shoveling of  
driveways and sidewalks.  
Do a good Deed ~ it will warm you heart*