

Christmas Tree Drop-Off!



The Traverse City Parks and Recreation Division will accept used Christmas trees for recycling. Here are details:

Bring your trees to Hull Park, located behind the Traverse Area District Library, at the end of Hannah Street. Follow the Christmas Tree Drop-Off signs to the **boat parking lot of Hull Park**.

Drop trees off between 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 26, 2007 – Sunday, January 20, 2008.

Park crews will chip and recycle trees as mulch for use on nature trails.

Please don't leave your Christmas trees in alleys or on streets; the city will NOT be collecting them.

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Safety Tips for Holiday Lights

Save Energy & Money! Ask L&P for a Home Energy Analysis!

It includes an on-site walk-through of your home, examination of your electric and gas bills and a checklist report of our findings. Phone **932-4588** - our automated energy line. Or, visit **www.tclp.org** and click on "Save \$\$ with a Home Energy Analysis" on the Home page.

Happy Holidays! From Your Friends at:

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Safety Tips for Holiday Lights



Decorating a tree or an object outdoors with electrical lights can add to your festivities this season IF you follow some important safety tips. Here's a sample:

- 1** Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Discard damaged sets or repair them before using.
- 2** Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use. To hold lights in place, string them through hooks or insulated staples, not nails or tacks. Never pull or tug lights to remove them.
- 3** Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire.

To see all the safety tips, visit www.tclp.org and click on "Safety Tips for Holiday Lights."

Cold-Weather Energy Saving Tips

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- For the biggest energy savings this winter, start wearing layers of warmer clothing and turn your thermostats down to 68 degrees or below. Reduce your settings to 55 degrees before going to sleep or when away for the day. Install programmable thermostats to efficiently achieve this daily task if you don't have them today.
- Use sunlight wisely. Leave shades and blinds open during sunny, cold days, but close them at night to reduce the amount of heat lost through windows.
- Caulk and weather-strip. Don't just seal doors and windows. Look for other air leaks that you can seal, such as around plumbing penetrations, air ducts or ceiling-mounted lighting fixtures.

For more ideas, visit www.tclp.org and click on "Cold-Weather Energy Saving Tips!"

Save Energy with LED Christmas Tree Lights

LED (Light Emitting Diode) Technology:

- Uses up to 90% LESS energy than standard incandescent bulbs!
- Will not have a single burned-out bulb darken the entire string of bulbs. LEDs do not have a filament inside that can burn out!
- Produces little heat and remains cool to the touch, making LEDs safer around combustible materials.

For more information, visit <http://www.ase.org/content/article/detail/935> (Alliance to Save Energy)



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