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**What will happen to my tree after the holiday season?**

After it's returned, your tree will become a part of San Francisco's urban forest when Friends of the Urban Forest plants your tree in one of its community-based street tree plantings. You can help! We'll send out notification when these trees will be used in a neighborhood planting.

**How much will my tree cost?**

All Green Holiday Trees are available for \$75, which is a tax-deductible donation. Program fees for unclaimed trees will be considered donations; there will be no refunds.

Additionally, if you would like your tree picked up from your house after the holiday season, instead of returning it yourself, you may pay a non-tax-deductible \$25 for this service. Buildings with 10+ trees can have the trees picked up free.

**How do I get my tree?**

Trees will be available on a first come, first served basis. Species choices are subject to change.

**Please note: Picture ID and a print out of your ordering receipt will be required for pick up.**

**Tree Lot:** For the best selection, pick up your tree at the **ADDED Green Christmas Tree Lot on Saturday, December 3rd from 10am-2pm** at the Friends of the Urban Forest office at [Edie Road and Kendall Drive in the Presidio](#).

If there are still trees available (if the program isn't sold out), trees can be ordered at **Green Christmas Tree Lot** on Saturday, December 3rd. Check the website for program status before coming.

If you miss the tree lot: you can pick up your tree at the Friends of the Urban Forest offices (in the Presidio at 1007 General Kennedy Ave Ste 1, San Francisco, CA 94129) during these dates and times. (Note: this calendar was updated 11/23/16):

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Saturday
Nov 20 Offices closed	21 9am-4pm	22 9am- <u>12NOON</u>	23 Offices closed	24 Offices closed	25 Offices closed	26 Offices closed
27 Offices closed	28 9am-4pm	29 9am-4pm	30 9am-4pm	Dec 1 9am-4pm	2 9am- <u>3pm</u>	<b>3 GREEN CHRISTMAS TREE LOT 10am-2pm</b>
4 Offices closed	5 9am-4pm	6 9am-4pm	7 9am-4pm	8 9am-4pm	9 9am- <u>3pm</u>	10 Offices closed
11 Offices closed	12 9am-4pm	13 9am-4pm	14 9am-4pm	15 9am-4pm	16 9am- <u>3pm</u>	17 Offices closed
18 Offices closed	19 9am-4pm	20 9am-4pm	21 9am-4pm	22 9am- <u>12NOON</u>	2016 Program Closed	

**“Dreaming of a Green Christmas” is a joint project of Friends of the Urban Forest and SFEnvironment.**  
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## Dreaming of a Green Christmas FAQs

### **How do I care for my tree?**

- ★ Keep your tree away from heaters, which can dry out the leaves and soil.
- ★ These trees have been growing outdoors and like fresh air. If possible, place your tree near a window that can be opened.
- ★ Be sure to water your tree - how much and how often will depend on the temperature in your home. Be sure the soil is always evenly moist. Don't allow water to pool in the pot or dish and never let it dry out completely.
- ★ Keep your tree well supported to avoid any toppling, which could cause branches to break. And, of course, watch out for children and for pets that may want to chew on its leaves or knock it over.

### **Do you have any suggestions for decorating my tree?**

We will have a decorating station at the Green Christmas Tree Lot where participants can make their own ornaments!

Some light-weight LED string lights and other light-weight items are fine. Try popcorn or paper-ring garlands, tinsel, ribbon, and homemade snowflakes. Please avoid use of heavy ornaments that may break the branches or cause the tree to tip over.

### **How do I give my tree back?**

Most people choose to drop their trees off instead of paying the \$25 pick up fee. **Trees need to be returned to the Friends of the Urban Forest offices in the Presidio by January 13, 2017.** If you choose to have your tree picked up, note that pick-up times are during normal business hours in the first two weeks of January. Buildings that order more than ten trees can get free pick up; contact us for more info.

### **More questions?**

Contact Mei Ling Hui from SF Environment for more information on the Green Holiday Tree program ([melling.hui@sfgov.org](mailto:melling.hui@sfgov.org) or 415-355-3731) and Esmeralda Martinez from Friends of the Urban Forest for more information on your tree order ([esmeralda@fuf.net](mailto:esmeralda@fuf.net) or 415-268-0772).

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### **About Friends of the Urban Forest**

For 35 years Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF) has been helping San Franciscans make their city a greener, healthier place to live in. Since 1981, FUF has worked with thousands of citizen planters and volunteers to plant over 50,000 street trees along the sidewalks of every San Francisco community - more trees than there are in all of Golden Gate Park.

Each year FUF and their dedicated volunteers plant about 1,200 street trees in San Francisco.

For more information on how to get involved in FUF's community-based plantings please log onto to our website, [www.fuf.net](http://www.fuf.net). Or contact Community Outreach Coordinator Greg Harrell-Edge at [greg@fuf.net](mailto:greg@fuf.net) to see if a planting is already being coordinated in your neck of the woods or if you'd like to help organize a planting in your neighborhood.

### **About SF Environment**

SF Environment's mission is to improve, enhance, and preserve the environment, and to promote San Francisco's long-term wellbeing by developing innovative, practical and wide-ranging environmental programs in recycling, toxics reduction, environmental justice, energy efficiency, commute alternatives, and urban forest.

As a city agency, we foster groundbreaking legislation, and educate the public by providing comprehensive and accessible information on a variety of practices, which serve as models for other cities and countries.

SF Environment makes it easy for everyone in San Francisco to take care of their environment, and ultimately, the planet.

Learn more at [www.sfenvironment.org](http://www.sfenvironment.org).

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