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Score Free Mulch at Mulch Madness Source Reduction Event

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Shredded chippings made from recycled Christmas trees will beautify neighborhoods and help gardens prepare for summer blooms

LARGO, MD – It's time for Mulch Madness and the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources' (DER) Waste Management Division (WMD) will host a free, [Mulch Madness Source Reduction Event](#) on Saturday, April 19, 2014 for County residents. The one-day only event will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Prince George's County Yard Waste Composting Facility (Western Branch) located at 6601 S.E. Crain Highway in Upper Marlboro (from Crain Highway, proceed on Maude Savoy Brown Road and follow the Visitors Center signs to the facility).

"Mulching provides nutrition and protection to the soil and is one of the most beneficial things a homeowner can do for their landscape," says DER Director Adam Ortiz. "It not only gives your lawn a clean finished look, it's environmentally friendly and helps beautify your yard and community. I encourage all residents to participate in this free event."

The free mulch for this event is primarily derived from Christmas trees recycled earlier this year during the County's holiday tree recycling program and is shredded at the Prince George's County Yard Waste Composting Facility. The mulch is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Mulch Madness is restricted to non-commercial vehicles at $\frac{3}{4}$ ton maximum weight. A front-end loader is available to load mulch into residents' pickup trucks. Residents loading mulch into their cars will need to bring their own containers and tools.

In addition to receiving free mulch, participants may tour the Visitors Center to learn more about the composting process and the County's recycling programs. For more information on the Mulch Madness Source Reduction event, please contact County Click at 3-1-1.

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