



Environment



Prince George's County, Maryland

Get Ready...Mulch Madness is Coming!

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Help protect the environment while nourishing garden soil with free mulch from the County

Spring has sprung and we're getting ready for Mulch Madness! County residents are invited to join the Prince George's County Department of the Environment's (DoE) Waste Management Division for its annual, **free Mulch Madness Source Reduction Event** on **Saturday, April 25, 2015** from **8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the **Prince George's County Yard Waste Composting Facility** in **Upper Marlboro**.

Want to see where the mulch comes from? Recently, DoE took a trip to the Composting Facility to see first-hand how the mulch is prepared for the Mulch Madness event. [Click the video](#) below to see highlights of the process, which includes loading hundreds of whole Christmas trees into a gigantic grinder that converts them into mounds of mulch. The trees are collected through the Prince George's County Christmas tree recycling program.

MULCH MADNESS

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“This event is the gift that keeps on giving,” commented Adam Ortiz, DoE Director. “We’re giving old, dried up Christmas trees a new life by recycling them into mulch, which is given away at no-charge to County residents and protecting the environment by diverting waste from the landfill. It’s a win-win for everyone.”

The mulch will be provided on a load-your-own-while-it-last basis and is restricted to non-commercial vehicles, at a ¾ ton maximum weight. A front-end loader will be available to assist residents load mulch into pickup trucks. Residents loading mulch into their vehicles must 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 about the Mulch Madness Source Reduction Event, contact CountyClick at 3-1-1.

To schedule a press tour of the Prince George’s County Composting Facility, contact Lauren Kinard at lakinard@co.pg.md.us or (301) 883-5957.

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