



**KDHE/Bureau of Waste Management**

**785-296-1600**

## **Forestry department seeks holiday trees**

**By Ann Marie Bush**

*The Capital-Journal*

City forester Adam Moser wants to see more people use the city's free Christmas tree recycling program this year.

Last year, about 1,600 Christmas trees were dropped off at three tree recycling sites around the city. Moser said numbers have been as high as 2,500 in previous years.

"The numbers have slowly gone down," he said. "I'd like to see those numbers rise again."

The city's forestry department runs the trees through wood chippers to make mulch, which is used throughout the city's flower beds.

The city began accepting this year's Christmas trees Monday. There are three sites where trees can be dropped off -- Crestview Community Center, 4801 S.W. Shunga Drive; Yard Materials Recycling Facility at Interstate 70 and N.W. MacVicar; and Oakland Community Center, 801 N.E. Poplar.

Trees can be dropped off at the MacVicar facility from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:45 p.m. seven days a week. The facility will be closed Sunday for the New Year's holiday.

Trees can be dropped off at the other two sites during daylight hours, Moser said.

Trees will be accepted through the end of January. The service is free.

"We ask that people take all ornaments, decorations, tinsel and plastic bags off," Moser said.

The forestry department will probably begin the chipping process Friday, he said.

"Usually it's pretty slow up until the end of this week," Moser said. "Come Tuesday, when we come back to work, we will do 600 or 700. It's a free deal. All you have to do is get your tree there.

"Recycle and reuse. This is a good way to do that."

"It's convenient, and it's free," he said. "Hopefully that will spur more people to get out there and recycle, and get those trees to us rather than putting them in the trash."

**Ann Marie Bush can be reached at (785) 295-1207 or [ann.bush@cjonline.com](mailto:ann.bush@cjonline.com).**

### **Tree-Cycle!**

The City of Lawrence will collect Christmas trees following Christmas. Simply place your tree next to your regular trash container, all decorations, tinsel and ornaments removed, by 6:00 a.m. on one of the following dates. The trees will be used as habitat for local wildlife.

Friday December 30, 2005

Friday January 6, 2006

Monday, January 9, 2006

*For more information about the Christmas Tree Recycling Program or additional waste reduction tips, call the City of Lawrence Waste Reduction and Recycling Division at 832-3030.*