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## Dreaming of a Green Christmas FAQs

### **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 Christmas Trees are available for **\$95**, 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 \$30 for this service.

### **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.**

You have two options for picking up your tree this year:

#### **Option one:**

For the best selection, pick up your tree at the **Dreaming of a Green Christmas** tree lot on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm. Though the program will likely sell out before this date, trees must be ordered by Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm to pick up at the City Hall Plaza Green Christmas Tree lot.

The lot will be located in the plaza between San Francisco's City Hall and the Main Library. Click [here](#) for a map.

#### **Option two:**

If you miss the tree lot, you can pick up your tree at the Friends of the Urban Forest offices during normal business hours from December 7<sup>th</sup> through December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Click [here](#) for a map to the FUF offices.

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

- \* Keep your tree away from heaters, which can dry out the leaves and soil.
- \* These trees having 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?**

Some 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?**

We'll pick up trees after the holidays starting in January. You'll arrange a pick up date and time when you take your tree home. Click [here](#) for more information on pick-up and return.

### **More questions?**

Contact SFEnvironment for more information on the Dreaming of a Green Christmas program and FUF for more information on your order.



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### About Friends of the Urban Forest

For 28 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 42,000 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 1,000 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).