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THE LEADER IN RESOURCE RECOVERY

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Recycle your Christmas tree and start the New Year off Green

The fresh, pine smell of a live Christmas tree is one of the real treats of Christmas. But, if you celebrated the festive season with one you are now probably wondering how to responsibly dispose of it.

Rather than letting it drop its needles, creating mess in your home, or have it rot in the backyard, why not turn it into useful mulch?

At SITA's Epping organic resource recovery facility, your Christmas tree will be processed into quality composts and mulch, which is used to protect and nurture the soil.

SITA Organics, State Organics Manager – Victoria, Mark Globan says, "Christmas trees are an important symbol in our festivities over Christmas and the New Year providing joy to all, but they are a resource that can keep on giving."

"Most Christmas trees sold in Australia are plantation grown under sustainable forestry systems. As they reach maturity they help act as a filter to clean the air, then they take pride of place in our homes over Christmas. At the end of their life they can be transformed into useful compost and mulch products, which are returned back to the earth."

Recycling your Christmas tree means you're keeping it out of landfill. This small step will help reduce the production of greenhouse gases, which contributes to climate change.

SITA Organics quality composted products are used for landscaping in local parks and gardens and in residential gardens. By recycling your old Christmas tree, you are closing the loop on this potentially 'wasted' resource.

If you can't drop off your tree at SITA's Epping facility, contact your local council to see if they are organising a Christmas tree collection.

For more information on where you can drop off your Christmas tree in Melbourne contact Mark Globan, SITA Organics on 03 3 8401 4272.

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