



Centerville CSD

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Christmas is Coming!

This will be your last chance to get your gently used coats, gloves and hats to us along with any new socks. We take these items to the Mission on Market Street, where they put them to good use helping to keep those less fortunate warm. We have done this for several years and we are always amazed at how many items our customers donate. We want to thank you!

Save a Christmas Tree...Go with E-Billing!



The US Postal Service processes mail in Sacramento and mail is taking 3-7 days to be delivered to us. We invite you to Go Green! Unlike regular mail, which can be lost or stolen, e-bill notifications are always secure. If you are interested in receiving your bill via email, call the District Office or simply write your email on the bottom of your payment stub when you pay your bill. It's that simple! Send in your request and information today and GO GREEN!!

Christmas Events in Redding

REDDING CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
December 6, 5 PM – 7 PM | Downtown Redding

REDDING LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE
December 7, 6 PM – 8 PM | Downtown Redding

12 BEERS OF CHRISTMAS
December 1 – 12 | Fall River Brewing Co

OLD TIME HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
December 7, 11 AM – 3 PM | Shasta State Historic Park

LITTLE EXPLORERS: WONDERFUL WINTER
December 5, 12, 19, 26, 10 AM – 11 AM | Turtle Bay Exploration Park

FAMILY 2ND SATURDAY: WINTER CELEBRATIONS
December 14, 11 AM – 2 PM | Turtle Bay Museum

REDDING GARDEN OF LIGHTS
November 22 – January 5 | Turtle Bay Exploration Park

REDDING LIGHTS
Opens November 29 | 2499 El Verano St.

District Office:
8930 Placer Rd
Redding, CA 96001

(530) 246 - 0680
(530) 246 - 2254 Fax

Website:
www.centervillecsd.org

Hours: M-F 8 am to 12:30
1 pm to 4:30pm

* Estimated.

Selecting and Caring For The Perfect



Whether you are picking out a tree from a local Redding lot, or heading up to the mountains to find that perfect fresh tree, Shasta and Trinity Counties have an abundance of options for you! Visit any local Forest Service office to obtain a permit (\$10 each, limit one per household) and receive a map for the Shasta-Trinity National Forest you'll be exploring. Permits for Lassen County can only be obtained at the Ranger Stations located at 6101 Airport Road in Redding and 14225 Holiday Road in the Mountain Gate area.

Remember...the most important aspect of caring for your Christmas tree is water. This is true for both cut trees and living Christmas trees. Water will not only keep the tree alive but it will also prevent safety issues associated with drying out.

Fresh cut trees will last longer by practicing a few simple guidelines. First, acclimate the tree before bringing it directly into your home. Going from a cold outdoor environment to the heated indoors can cause the tree to stress, resulting in dryness and loss of needles. It's better to set the tree in the garage for a day or two before bringing it inside.

Next, cut about an inch or so off the base. This will help the tree absorb water. Do not cut the tree with a reciprocal saw or any blade that moves so fast that it will create friction. If the cut gets hot enough, the sap in the tree will seal the end and make water absorption nearly impossible.

Depending upon the size, species and location, it may require up to a gallon or more of water within the first few days. Therefore, it's important to check the water level daily.

Finally, make certain your tree is placed in a suitable stand far from any heat source such as a fireplace, heater or stove. It is also a good idea to keep the tree located where it is less likely to be knocked over... such as in a corner. Make sure all the lights and electrical cords are in suitable working condition and remember to turn them off when going to bed at night or leaving for long periods.

Excerpts from Wikihow.com

Holiday Fun Facts...

- ◆ **The Christmas club savings account started around 1905. It helps people prepare for Christmas shopping by saving a little over time.**
- ◆ **Before settling on the name of Tiny Tim for his character from "A Christmas Carol", three other alternative names were considered by Charles Dickens. They were Little Larry, Puny Pete and Small Sam.**
- ◆ **Alabama was the first state to recognize Christmas as an official holiday. The tradition began in 1836.**
- ◆ **Although many believe the Friday after Thanksgiving is the busiest shopping day of the year, it is not. It is the 5th to 10th busiest day. The Friday and Saturday before Christmas are the busiest shopping days of the year.**
- ◆ **The candy cane dates back to 1670 in Europe but didn't appear in the U>S> until the 1800's. The treat we see today is the shape of a shepherds' hook. The color and stripes hold significance for purity and Christ's sacrifice, becoming common in the mid 1900s.**

* SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS: *
* The next scheduled Board of Director's Meeting will be *
* held Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00 pm, at the Dis- *
* trict Office. The public is always welcome. *

Average Water Usage for the month:
Compare the usage on your water bill
with the average of the District.
November's Average: 2400 cubic - feet.