

## County Parks Christmas Tree Recycling Program

This is a program that recycles discarded Christmas Trees that are chipped into mulch and offered to the public for free. The County will operate seven sites. The sites will be open from December 26, 2009 to January 17, 2011. The hours will be 7:00 AM until dark daily. The sites are:

**Rivanna Solid Waste Authority Recycling Center on McIntire Road** (Note: Sunday hours are 12:30 to 5:30 pm)

Crozet Park in Crozet

Greenwood Community Center in Greenwood

Chris Greene Lake Park in Earlysville

Darden Towe Park on Elks Drive

Scottsville Community Center in Scottsville

Walnut Creek Park off Old Lynchburg Road

This County Parks program has been in operation since 1988 and has grown to recycle over 3400 trees that yield over 163 cubic yards of chips. Combining forces with the "Charlottesville Curb Side Pick Up" the joint programs collected 5400 trees yielding 259 cubic yards of chips. Please note this is reducing the impact on our landfill and helping citizens find a place to dispose of a large and cumbersome item.

The Charlottesville Curbside Pickup will be the week of January 10, 2011 (trees need to be at the curb side by 7:00 AM). Shortly after the Curb Side Pick-up, the City and County Parks Crews will join forces and chip an estimated 2600 trees at Darden Towe Park.

Both Programs require that decorations, stands and nails be removed. Please no "yard waste".

Free mulch from the recycled trees will be available starting February 1, 2011 at Darden Towe Park.