



# INFORMATION RELEASE

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## Christmas Tree Chipping Fundraiser

Parksville firefighters will host a Christmas tree chipping charity event on Sunday, January 4 from 10 am to 2 pm in the Wembley Mall parking lot. Parksville Fire Rescue members will offer Christmas tree chipping and disposal with a cash donation to the Parksville Firefighters Association Charitable Fund. This fund supports a variety of community projects during the year.

Huge thanks to Bartlett Tree Experts for their donation of tree chipper and staff again this year so every cent donated will support the firefighters' fundraising efforts.

Between now and when it's time to dispose of your Christmas tree, Parksville Fire Rescue provides some safety tips to keep your tree from drying out too quickly and reduce the risk of fire in your home:

- Keep your tree in a shady cool spot away from sun and heat.
- Trees are thirsty, don't let them run dry... ever! Check the water level daily.
- Use LED lights in good working order. These emit very little heat.
- Make sure your tree is not blocking an exit, such as a door or window.
- Don't leave your Christmas tree plugged in when you're away from home or asleep.
- Test your smoke alarms which save lives by alerting the household to a fire.

If you're planning to drop off your tree, please make sure it's free of all decorations before bringing it to Wembley Mall. We look forward to seeing you on January 4 at our annual Christmas tree chipping event.

**WHO:** Parksville Fire Rescue  
**WHAT:** Christmas tree chipping and disposal  
**WHERE:** Wembley Mall parking lot (826 Island Highway West)  
**WHEN:** Sunday, January 4 - 10 am to 2 pm  
**WHY:** Fundraiser for Parksville Firefighters Association Charitable Fund

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**For more information:**

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*The City of Parksville is located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations,  
home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.*

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