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Tree chipping supports environment and fire fighters fund

Wrap up this holiday season by chipping your Christmas tree. It's good for the earth and supports a worthy cause.

On Saturday, January 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Campbell River's professional fire fighters will hold a by-donation tree chipping fundraiser at the Campbell River Sportsplex – rain or shine.

All proceeds will support the BC Professional Fire Fighters Burn Fund.

Minimum donation is five dollars.

"This event helps the Campbell River Fire Department prevent fire hazards for homeowners by providing a way to dispose of dry Christmas trees," says Fire Chief Ian Baikie. "As a bonus, this fundraiser supports research and treatment for burn victims in British Columbia."

"The tree chipping event is a great way to make your Christmas a green one by keeping your tree out of the landfill. We appreciate the efforts the Campbell River Professional Fire Fighters go to each year to help reduce waste and raise funds for a good cause," says Amber Zirnhelt, sustainability manager for the City of Campbell River.

If you miss the chipping event, the Campbell River Yard Waste Drop-Off Centre will accept trees cut in half free of charge. The Yard Waste Drop-off Centre is located on Willis Road (west of the Shell Station on the Inland Highway 19). It's open year round, Friday to Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for residents who participate in the City's curbside collection program.

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