What Goes Up…

Taking down the Christmas tree may not be as fun as putting it up but keeping a dried-out tree in your home or stored in a garage is a fire hazard! When it comes to tree disposal, do you know your options? After the holidays, don’t throw your Christmas tree in the trash. Real Christmas trees are recyclable. Typically, there are several environmentally sound ways to dispose of your tree. These options include:

- Curbside-pick up for recycling;
- A drop off recycling center; and
- Mulching programs.

Never dispose of your tree by burning it in a fireplace or wood stove. Doing so may result in a chimney fire. Pine and fir trees produce a lot of creosote when burning and may lead to deposits in your chimney. A burning tree is also hard to control and may burn faster than expected.

Learn about the many ways communities across the country are reusing or recycling real Christmas trees. If there is no tree recycling or pick-up program in your area, contact local authorities or Citizens Corps Council for a recommended means of disposal.