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## Christmas tree recycling drop-off

**SAVANNAH, GEORGIA** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' J. Strom Thurmond Lake Project will accept real Christmas trees, not artificial trees, for recycling Dec. 17 through Jan. 5, 2011. The Christmas trees can be dropped off at Riverside Middle School located in Evans, Ga. All decorations—tinsel, lights, garland, bulbs, etc.—must be removed from the trees before dropping them off. Dumping of household trash at the site is strictly prohibited.

“The recycled trees will be used as fish attractors in Thurmond Lake,” said Ken Boyd, Corps biologist. Corps rangers and volunteers will place submerged trees around fishing piers to improve fish habitat. Additional trees will be staged at select ramps around the lake to be used by the public. Anyone wishing to obtain a list of locations where the trees will be available should contact the Corps' Thurmond Lake Project Office after Jan. 10.

For more information or to volunteer, contact the Thurmond Lake Project Office toll free at 1-800-533-3478 or visit their website at <http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/lakes/thurmond/index.htm>.

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