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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, Jan. 3 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.

*“Dry Christmas trees can be a fire hazard and the tree chipping event is one way the Campbell River Fire Department prevents fires,” says Fire Chief Ian Baikie. “The funds we raise also help support research and treatment for burn victims in British Columbia.”*

*“The tree chipping event is a great way to keep your tree out of the landfill. We appreciate the efforts of the Campbell River Professional Fire Fighters to help the community reduce waste and raise funds for a good cause,” says Amber Zirnhelt, manager of long range planning and sustainability 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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