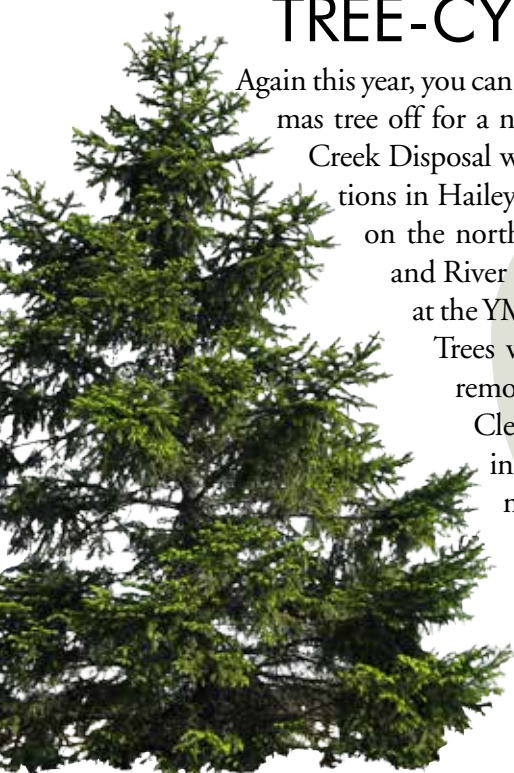




TREE-CYCLING

Again this year, you can send your dying Christmas tree off for a new life as mulch. Clear Creek Disposal will have collection locations in Hailey at the Park-n-Ride Lot on the northwest corner of Bullion and River streets, and in Ketchum at the YMCA's north parking lot.

Trees with all the decorations removed can be left at the Clear Creek Banner, starting the day after Christmas through January 15. Trees are taken to the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station where they are eventually chipped, and made available for use as mulch or composting.



Holiday RE-Giving

'Tis the season to give, or perhaps to re-give.

Generally speaking, making things (any things) takes materials and energy from the Earth, so the longer goods stay in use, the better for the environment. Re-gifting got mainstream treatment in a Seinfeld television show over a decade ago. Here are some re-gifting ideas:

BOOKS: Sharing a book that you have enjoyed is akin to sharing an experience. Select with the recipient in mind. Libraries often have a section for 'recycling' books at no, or little, cost.

TOYS & CLOTHING: These must be clean and in nearly new condition. Toys should be age appropriate, and clothing both size and style appropriate.

HOUSEWARES: A small piece of art or kitchen gadget might find new life in a friend's home.

To avoid turing your gift into a gag, don't gift an item to the original giver or gift something very personal, like signature jewelry. Also, make sure the gift is appropriate for the recipient. Lastly, put your effort into wrapping the re-gift, and making it look like a gift your care about.

CCD Holiday Schedule

There will be no collection of waste or recyclables on the following holidays:

Christmas: Friday, December 25

New Year's Day: Friday, January 1

All collections following a weekday holiday will be delayed one day, with Friday collections moved to Saturday.





The app for people who are Fed Up with Waste

An app connecting people and retailers to prevent food waste launched across London recently, with plans for UK and international expansion in 2016.



The app enables people to connect with neighbors and local shops so that surplus food can be shared, not thrown away.

IT'S A WRAP!

After the frenzy of gift opening...RECYCLE! Wrapping paper can be recycled with "mixed paper" both curbside and at the Blaine County Recycle Center (*tape is fine, but please, no ribbons or bows*). Corrugated cardboard boxes can be recycled by dropping at Blaine County collection locations:



VALENTINES RE-USE

Creative ways to reuse and recycle into something worth giving



From empty toilet paper rolls turned into owls, using an unwanted keyboard to devise a message filled with warm words for your loved one or dressing up tin cans to make candle holders—make this Valentine's gift recycled!



Hailey:

Hailey Fire Department,
617 South 3rd Avenue
Hailey Park & Ride
NW Corner of River & Bullion

Sun Valley:

Sun Valley City Hall,
81 Elkhorn Road
Elkhorn Fire Station,
100 Arrowleaf Road

Ketchum:

LDS Church,
300 Spruce Avenue
YMCA Parking Lot,
101 Saddle Road

Carey:

Carey Transfer Station,
19401 US Hwy 20