



Free Mulch at Emerald Park

Mulch Available on First Come, First Serve Basis

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-April 4, 2022-A few weeks into spring (official first day was March 20), many people may already be pondering about landscaping and planning their home gardens for the summer. For those looking to get an early start, the freshly chipped mulch generated through the city's Christmas tree recycling program is now available to the public.

Parks & Recreation staff chipped over 2,000 Christmas trees dropped off this winter as part of the program. The freshly chipped mulch is in the parking lot of Emerald Park (900 Pamela Lane). Emerald Park served as the new tree chipping location after moving from Howelsen Ice Complex.

Participants will have to load their own vehicles, and the mulch will be available on a first come, first served basis. The city asks that only residents and homeowners participate, ***please no contractors or commercial operations.***

- **NO DUMPING** - dispose of yard debris properly and do not dump it at this site.

There are many advantages to adding mulch to a garden or accompanying a newly planted tree besides just looking nice. The Arbor Day Foundation provides the following benefits of using mulch:

- Insulates the soil helping to provide a buffer from heat and cold temperatures
- Retains water helping to keep roots moist
- Keeps weeds out to help prevent root competition.
- Prevents soil compaction.
- Reduces lawn mower and/or trimmer damage.

Steamboat Springs was recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community for the 31st consecutive year. The program has been greening up cities and towns across America since 1976. More than 3,400 communities have made the commitment to becoming a Tree City USA by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day.

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