

CREATION CARE

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church



Is it better for the environment to have a live cut Christmas tree or an Artificial tree that is reused every year?

You may be surprised to learn that choosing a live cut Christmas tree that is biodegradable, can be used in the garden as habitat after the holidays or ground into mulch to be used in the garden is the greenest option! Buying a tree from a local Christmas tree farm is ultimately the superior choice. In Blacksburg the town will pick up your discarded tree from the curb in January to turn it into mulch that is given away to the public.

Artificial trees end up in the landfill. The artificial trees are not biodegradable, are made with harmful chemicals and materials, and manufactured in China they travel a great distance to your doorstep. Not everyone is able to have a live cut tree from a local tree farm. If you prefer to have an artificial tree try to buy one that you can literally use for a lifetime. If you do eventually buy a new artificial tree donate the old one to a local thrift shop where it will be resold to someone else. Reuse will keep the artificial tree out of the landfill longer but ultimately it will become trash. And remember, absolutely nothing biodegrades in a landfill which is why our goal is to eliminate sending trash to the landfill!

To learn more please read this informative article:

<https://www.growingagreenerworld.com/what-is-the-greener-choice-in-christmas-trees-real-vs-artificial/>

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