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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **City of Ashland Christmas Tree Recycling Program**

**Ashland, MO-** The City of Ashland, through a partnership with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), will be implementing a Christmas tree recycling program this month. This program will afford residents of Southern Boone County the opportunity to dispose of their Christmas trees in an eco-friendly manner.

Beginning on 12/29/2022, the general public will be able to drop off their natural Christmas trees at the vacant lot behind Ashland City Hall, located at the intersection of Redbud Ln and Bass St. This program will run from 12/29/2022 until 01/31/2023.

MDC staff will collect the trees as they accumulate, and they will then be placed in various bodies of water throughout central Missouri. This program will help to provide cover and habitat for fish, create fishing hotspots, and reduce landfill.

We ask that only natural trees be submitted, as artificial trees will not decompose over time. Also, trees should be left whole with the branches intact, and ALL decorations removed. Any trees left that do not adhere to these guidelines will be rejected.

We would like to thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Ashland Public Works at 573-657-2568.