

RECYCLE YOUR HOLIDAY TREE!

Consider placing your undecorated holiday tree in your backyard for wildlife.

Make sure that all the trimmings are removed: all hoods, wire, garland, etc...

This will create shelter for various birds and small mammals from both the winter weather and from predators.

Then, if you want a fun and fulfilling activity that can benefit you and the creatures outside, redecorate it for the animals!

Trees can be placed on their sides or upright. If you have bird feeders, placing the tree nearby will offer your feeder visitors a safe place to perch nearby a food source.

Get the family together and roll pinecones in peanut butter and then birdseed - then hang these new "ornaments" on the tree.

String popcorn, cheerios, raisins and/or berries to make a handsome and animal edible garland.

Tie peanuts in the shell (unsalted) to some branches or try hanging and hiding other nuts in the tree.

Sprinkle birdseed, feed corn and peanuts on the ground around the tree.

Then you sit back and watch the free show!

Keep track of the number and different kinds of animals and birds that visit your treat tree!

Many creatures are nocturnal, so don't forget to check out your backyard at dusk and after dark!