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Pumpkin recycling event at the Galleria Mall on Saturday, November 5

LAS VEGAS, NV – The Southern Nevada Christmas Tree Recycling Committee will host the first annual Chuck-A-Pumpkin event from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 5, in the Galleria Mall parking lot. Residents are encouraged to bring their jack-o-lanterns to the event so they can be composted into soil.

This family-friendly event will feature a bounce house, face painting and pumpkin chucking. Pumpkins will be launched from catapults built by East Career & Technical Academy students. The catapults are expected to launch the pumpkins up to 50 feet. Smashed pumpkins will then be hauled by Republic Services to Terra Firma Organics, who will compost them into beneficial soil.

“Terra Firma Organics is pleased to work with the Galleria Mall and community partners in hosting the first annual Chuck-A-Pumpkin event. In addition to enjoying a great time with Clark County citizens, we look forward to processing the pumpkin waste into high-quality compost for gardens, landscaping and other soil improvement uses,” said Randy Williams, Terra Firma Organics Sustainable Programs Manager.

1-800-GOT-JUNK? is a key partner in this first annual event. Participants can aim their pumpkin launches at their truck. "We enjoy being a longstanding committee member of the Southern Nevada Christmas Tree Recycling Program. We like to have fun while raising awareness about recycling and composting, so this event is a perfect fit for us," said Tom Delaney, owner of 1-800-GOT-JUNK? Las Vegas."

The Galleria at Sunset is located at 1300 West Sunset Road. The event will take place in the south parking lot from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Rachel Lewison, Southern Nevada Recycling Coordinator at the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) at (702) 486-2850 ext. 268, rlewison@ndep.nv.gov or read about Tree Recycling at springspreserve.org or on the [Southern Nevada Christmas Tree Recycling Facebook page](#).

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