

Goats to feed on discarded Christmas trees

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It's that time when decked-out Christmas trees covered in lights, glass ornaments and tinsel are at many homes. But what happens when it's all over?

Most trees are tossed away outside or in landfills, creating potential fire hazards, said Vince Thomas, a volunteer firefighter with Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District.

"I've seen them everywhere, all you have to do is get off the beaten path a ways and you'll see trees all over," said Thomas, who's worked as a firefighter for 26 years. "It was amazing to me to see how many Christmas trees people would just toss out there."

But Thomas found an easy solution.

About 40 goats are leading the way for a new Christmas tree recycling program, launching Dec. 26.

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