

Recycle Christmas tree

Consider "recycling" your evergreen Christmas tree as a habitat for the birds once the holidays are over.

Once the decorations have been removed, place the tree in a corner of your yard. Many birds and other animals will find your tree to be a cozy shelter from the wind, rain and snow.

"Don't worry about disposing of your Christmas tree after the holidays — recycle it!" said Chris Gardner, owner of the Wild Birds Unlimited store at 2626

S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills.

"It's a great way to bring a great variety of entertaining and educational birds and other wildlife to your back yard."

When you recycle your tree, the whole family will enjoy watching the antics of the birds and other wildlife that come to the tree throughout the winter months. For more information, visit or call a certified birdfeeding specialist at Wild Birds Unlimited.

Matthaei seeks docents

Would you like to interact with the public in rewarding and challenging ways? Do you enjoy learning about plants and ecology? Why not mesh the two interests and become a Matthaei Botanical Gardens docent?

Docents are the dedicated volunteers who lead tours and interpret the gardens collections for visitors of all ages. Expertise in botany or horticulture isn't a requirement for participation. Creative, studious, hard-working, fun-loving, flexible, interested individuals are needed. The rewards are many: education, fellowship, service and fun.

For more information and to schedule an interview, call the gardens at (313) 998-7061.

The docent training classes begin in January. These courses will lay the foundation participants need to

become active docents in a growing program for educational outreach to schools, groups and the public. After training is completed, docents are expected to participate in the program for at least two years (September to June).

Training for conservatory docents will take place over a period of 12 weeks, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Jan. 10. After the course, the participants will apprentice on tours with scheduled groups.

Training for trails, docents will take place 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays for four or five sessions per season. Between each season, docent trainees apprentice and lead tours. Individuals in the trails program are expected to complete the following season training sessions winter, spring and autumn.



Presented by Carl J. Creepi & Mark Aronoff

THE STORY ON STORAGE

In the "old days," pantries were built primarily with fixed shelving to store canned goods. Today, pantries are likely to be used for storage of specialized cooking equipment, recyclables, and cleaning supplies. In addition to canned goods, this trend has given rise to a variety of storage devices, including vertical dividers for trays and cookie sheets, pull-out drawers and shelves, pull-out work surfaces and cutting boards, pull-out waste baskets and recycling bins, adjustable shelves, and swing out pantry racks. Drawers and doors may be locked for child safety too. Careful thought should be given to both your storage needs and how you will use the pantry. Whether large or small, flexibility is the key to successful pantry storage.

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Here it is often useful to install a duplex outlet inside the pantry for a dust buster.

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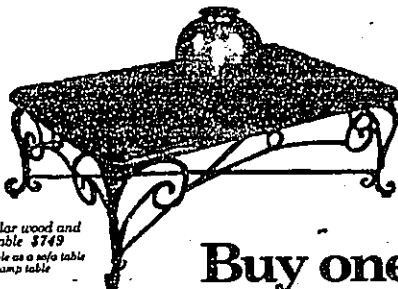
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Services to help your holiday needs are available. Here are some examples.

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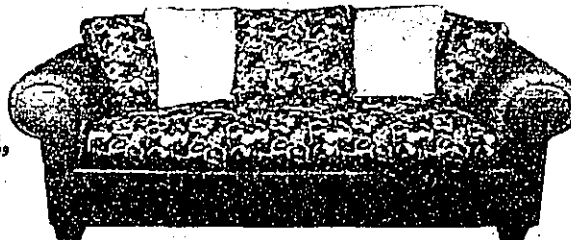
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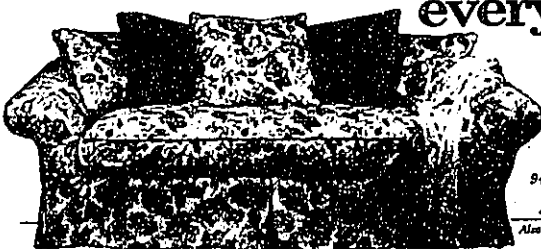


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