

Trash to Trees



Did you know?

Americans throw away an estimated 25 million tons of extra garbage (one million extra tons per week) during the holiday season!



This year opt to be artistic instead of a statistic and sign up for the second-annual 'Trash to Trees' tree decorating competition. The Inverness Hotel, in partnership with Tree by Tree and Tagawa Gardens, challenges students and teachers to get creative and use recycled or re-purposed items to decorate a tree. Bottles, cans, shoes, hair clips, pillows, clothes and more – your imagination is the limit! If you don't need it, donate it to your school and help make one-of-a-kind ornaments and decorations that are earth friendly and fun.

Who is Eligible?

Students in grades 1-8 throughout the greater Denver area.

How Does it Work?

Trash to Trees is limited to the first 50 schools to submit their completed application. Each eligible school can submit only one application. Once selected, students will be responsible for creating their own tree decorations. The Inverness Hotel will work with each school to select a date and time between Dec. 2-Dec. 4 to travel to the hotel and decorate their tree onsite (transportation will not be provided).

On Display

Trash to Trees will be on display at The Inverness Hotel located at 200 Inverness Drive West in Englewood Dec. 5-13. Parents, students and area residents will be invited to visit and cast their vote for their favorite tree. All tree submissions will be judged on creativity and innovative use of recycled or re-purposed materials and cash and prizes will be given to the winning school's PTA/PTO. Winners will be posted on The Inverness Hotel web site on Dec. 15.

Prizes – Two Ways to Earn Some Green

1. All tree submissions will be judged on creativity and innovative use of recycled or re-purposed materials and cash and prizes will be awarded to the top 10 schools.
2. Each tree will be available for purchase and will be sold to the highest bidder with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the school's PTA/PTO.

Deadline:
Applications due
Nov. 2!

Fax to
(303) 397-7148

Visit www.TrashtoTrees.com for more information.

For questions, please call Lupe Hirt at (303) 859-1762 or send an email to trashtotrees@destinationhotels.com.

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School Application

Please fill in the information below and fax to (303) 397-7148 by November 2.

School Name: _____

School Contact Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School District: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

PTA/PTO Contact Name: _____

PTA/PTO Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Trash to Trees is a great way to help students understand the importance of eco-friendly practices for the holidays! In addition to the opportunity to compete, each school applicant will also be emailed a 'Seed for Thought' packet that includes eco-friendly tips, suggestions and best practices for teachers to share with students.

Competition Rules:

- Participants must attend a school in the greater Denver area and be in grades 1-8.
- Competition is limited to the first 50 schools to submit an application. One application per school only.
- Tree decorations must be made from recycled or re-purposed items only.
- Electricity will not be provided for the trees; therefore no lights will be allowed to decorate the trees.
- Students will select a day to decorate their tree at The Inverness Hotel between Dec. 2-4. Schools will be responsible for transporting students to and from the hotel.
- Students must type a list of all items used to make the decorations.
- Trees will be on display at the hotel Dec. 5-13. Winners will be listed on the hotel web site on Dec. 15.
- Schools will receive their cash and prizes by Dec. 31.

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