



# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS RELEASE

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### - Christmas Tree Burn & Fire Safety Demonstration -

SOLVANG, Ca. January 5, 2012 – On January 6, 2012, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department will supervise the burn of Christmas trees at the Old Mission Santa Ynez, located at 1760 Mission Drive.



This event is considered one of the largest fire safety demonstrations and community gatherings on the Central Coast. This year's event will be held in conjunction with the end of the Solvang City Centennial Celebration. All area residents are invited to bring their tree (stands must be removed) to the burn pile between January 1-6, 2012.

The fire safety demonstration will show how flocking a tree increases the fire danger compared to a tree that is treated with retardant burns, and how quickly a dry tree burns.

**The Santa Barbara County Fire Department strongly advises that people do not attempt to burn their own Christmas trees.** Christmas trees can be disposed of properly by bringing them to an event like this or recycled in a green waste container.

The event starts at 6 pm. People are encouraged to arrive an hour early. For more information about this event, contact Fire Station 30 directly at 805 686-8184.

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