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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **CITY YARD WASTE COLLECTION BEGINS APRIL 5**

DUBUQUE, Iowa -- The weekly curbside collection of yard waste for City of Dubuque solid waste customers will begin on Monday, April 5, 2010.

To be eligible for this collection, all yard waste must be placed in either paper yard waste bags which display a single-use yard waste sticker, a rigid solid waste container with a single-use yard waste sticker looped on the handle, in rigid solid waste containers displaying the City's 2010 annual yard waste decal, or in larger subscribed city tipper carts. All brush and limbs can also be bundled with City of Dubuque brush ties or an attached single-use sticker.

Generic paper yard waste bags, single use yard waste stickers for bags and cans and brush ties are available in most grocery, hardware, and discount stores throughout the city. The single-use yard waste stickers cost \$1.20 each and are sold on sheets of five for \$6. Brush ties cost \$1.20 each. The 2010 annual yard waste stickers cost \$28 each and are only available from the City's Utility Billing Service Center by walk-up, mail-in coupon or phone at 589-4144.

Yard waste is collected on your regular solid waste pickup day. Yard waste should be kept separate and not mixed with trash. All yard waste must be set out by 6 a.m. and not weigh over 40 pounds per container. A customer container has a maximum size of 35 gallons.

The weekly food scrap recycling program also restarts on April 5; however, there is a waiting list for new subscribers. An application is pending with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to allow expansion of this program.

Contact the Public Works Department at 589-4250 for further information, or to be put on the food scrap collection waiting list.

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