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NEWS RELEASE

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Dubuque Leaf Disposal Options

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Because autumn has officially arrived and the leaves have begun to fall, the City of Dubuque is reminding residents of their options for leaf and yard debris disposal.

All leaves and other 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 2011 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.

Containers may not exceed 35 gallons in capacity or 40 pounds in weight. Plastic bags with yard waste will not be collected.

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 are sold on sheets of five for \$6.50. Brush ties cost \$1.30 each. The 2011 annual yard waste decals are currently discounted to \$7.50 and are only available from the City's Utility Billing Service Center by walk-up or phone at (563) 589-4144.

Mulch mowing and backyard composting are also economical and beneficial uses for leaves. Leaf burning and raking or blowing your leaves into the street or storm sewer are prohibited and subject to fines. Leaf rake-out collections (\$15 minimum) will be offered beginning Monday, Oct. 10, and must be scheduled in advance by calling (563) 589-4250. There are also free "Leaves Only" drop-offs at the Dubuque Arboretum and Splendid Valley Nursery. Please contact those organizations for details.

The weekly curbside collection of yard waste for City of Dubuque solid waste customers will end Saturday, November 26. For additional information, contact the Public Works Department at (563) 589-4250 or visit www.cityofdubuque.org/yardwaste.



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