

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Pumpkins Make Great Compost!

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque is encouraging residents to use the City's curbside yard waste collection to dispose of their Halloween pumpkins and other seasonal compostables. Doing so will insure these materials are converted to beneficial compost rather than being landfilled.

Customers should place whole or broken pumpkins along with compostables like discarded leaves, corn stalks, and decorative hay bales in standard rigid containers or yard debris bags with an attached yellow single-use sticker or in rigid solid waste containers displaying the City's 2011 annual yard waste decal. Containers should not weigh over 40 pounds or be over 35 gallons in capacity. Please discard candles as refuse. Larger pumpkins may also be set out alone with an attached yellow single-use sticker. These stickers are sold in sheets of five for \$6.50 through area retailers.

Leaf rake-outs (\$15.00 minimum) may still be scheduled until Wednesday, Nov. 23, (weather permitting) by calling 563.589.4250. The weekly curbside collection of yard waste for City of Dubuque solid waste customers will end Saturday, Nov. 26.

For additional information, contact the Public Works Department at (563) 589-4250 or visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/yardwaste](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/yardwaste).

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**REMINDERS:** 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. 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.



This activity supports the Sustainable Dubuque principles of Healthy Air, Clean Water, and Smart Resource Use. For more information, visit [www.sustainabledubuque.org](http://www.sustainabledubuque.org).

