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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **City Yard Waste & Food Scrap Collection Extended**

DUBUQUE, Iowa -- Weekly curbside collection of yard waste and food scraps for City of Dubuque solid waste customers has been extended to Dec. 12, 2008. Containers with annual 2008 yard waste decals will be collected through December at no additional charge.

Annual 2009 Yard Waste decals will go on sale at the Utility Billing counter in City Hall on Dec. 22, 2008 for \$28.00. Christmas trees, yard waste and food scraps will be collected during the City's Merry Mulch Program from Jan. 5, through Jan. 16, 2009.

A new call-in service request option for yard waste and food scrap collection is now available. Collection can be scheduled for the December 18th and December 27th pick-up dates by calling 589-4250 or 589-4345. Then starting Jan. 22, 2009, an every Thursday collection call-in option will be available until regular weekly collection restarts April 6, 2009. Collection should be scheduled by 3 PM on Wednesdays.

Food scrap customers are required to either attach a yellow single-use yard waste sticker to their GreenCart or subscribe their container at new winter rates. All food scrap subscribers will soon be mailed winter subscription details, request for service options, and cold weather set-out tips. New subscribers are also encouraged to participate in food scrap recycling which now offers year-round collection.

Further information is available on the City website, [www.cityofdubuque.org](http://www.cityofdubuque.org), or by calling 589-4345.

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