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City Yard Waste and Food Scrap Collection Begins April 7

DUBUQUE, Iowa -- The weekly curbside collection of yard waste and food scraps for City of Dubuque solid waste customers will begin on Monday, April 7.

Yard waste and food scraps will be collected on customers' regular solid waste collection days. Materials must be placed in paper yard waste bags that display single-use yard waste stickers, rigid solid waste containers with single-use yard waste stickers looped on the handles, rigid solid waste containers that display the City's 2014 annual yard waste decal, or in subscribed City wheeled carts. Brush and limbs may also be bundled with City of Dubuque brush ties that have a single-use sticker attached.

Generic paper yard waste bags, single-use yard waste stickers for bags and cans, and brush ties are available in most grocery and hardware stores throughout the city. Single-use yard waste stickers cost \$1.30 each and are sold on sheets of five for \$6.50. Brush ties cost \$1.30 each. 2014 annual yard waste decals cost \$35 each and are only available from City Hall's Utility Billing counter by walk-up, mail-in coupon, or phone at 563-589-4144.

For food scrap collection, City collection customers may either subscribe to use food scrap collection carts (13, 48, or 64 gallons) for a fee or place food scraps and compostable paper in with grass clippings, leaves, and other yard debris in their current yard waste cans, carts, and bags. These additional materials will be made into compost under the City's contract with Full Circle Organics, LLC (FCO) at its commercial composting facility near Farley.

Yard waste and food scraps should not be placed in plastic bags and must be kept separate from other trash. Collections must be set out by 6 a.m. and not weigh over 40 pounds per container or bundle. The standard customer container has a maximum size of 35 gallons.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 589-4250 or visit www.cityofdubuque.org/yardwaste.

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