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NEWS RELEASE

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Weekly Yard Waste Collections Resume April 6

Thursday Collections Available Until April 2

DUBUQUE, IOWA – The City of Dubuque will resume its regular weekly curbside collection of yard waste and food scraps on Monday, April 6, but customers getting a jump start on yard work have an option now.

Residents taking advantage of recent warm weather who would like to have materials collected before April 6 are reminded they can utilize the City's winter yard waste collection service. These collections are made every Thursday through April 2 and require an appointment which can be made through a service request on the City's website at www.cityofdubuque.org/yardwaste or by calling (563) 589-4250.

Beginning on April 6, yard waste and food scraps will be collected on customers' regular curbside collection days. Materials must be placed in paper yard waste bags that display single-use yard waste stickers, 35-gallon rigid solid waste containers with either single-use yard waste stickers looped on the handles or the City's 2015 annual yard waste decal displayed, 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.

Single-use yard waste stickers are sold at City Hall and many local grocery and hardware stores and cost \$1.30 each and are sold on sheets of five for \$6.50. Brush ties cost \$1.30 each. The 2015 annual yard waste decals cost \$35 each and are only

available from the City's Utility Billing Service Center by walk-up, mail-in coupon, or by 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 in with grass clippings, leaves, and other yard debris in their current yard waste cans, carts, and bags.

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 563-589-4250 or visit www.cityofdubuque.org/yardwaste.

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