Seasonal Curbside Compost Collection

Place properly-prepared compost carts, paper bags, or bundled brush at the residential curb before 7 a.m. on the weekly solid waste collection day during the growing season from April 5 through Nov. 27, 2010.*

*Please see the discussion of possible compost changes for fiscal year 2010-11 and the potential for a special pre-purchased compost cart on page 4.*

Optional **COMPOST CARTS** in 35-, 64-, and 96-gallon sizes are available for a one-time purchase price of $50 each and are picked up from the city's Customer Service Center, 99.GREEN (734.994.7336). The center is open weekdays from 8-5 at 220 E. Huron in downtown Ann Arbor. Branches may not stick out of carts—the lids must be closed.

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS** Ann Arbor residents may include fruits and vegetables—as well as grass clippings—to their normal compost materials, placed inside compost carts.

*Please see page 4 for more compost cart information.

**30-GALLON PAPER BAGS** may be used for the basic yardwaste collection storage. Each bag may weigh up to 50 pounds. Paper bags are available from local retailers and may be used for the basic yardwaste collection trimmings such as leaves, plants, and branches.

**Paper bags may not be used for grass clippings or uncooked fruit or vegetable scraps** in order to avoid attracting wildlife, producing odors, or creating unsafe conditions from wet, overweight, broken paper bags at the curb. Residents interested in participating in the expanded compost program must use a city-approved compost cart.

**BRUSH** and **TREE LIMBS** must be cut into 4-foot lengths or shorter. Please tie with natural twine into bundles up to 18-inches in diameter, and up to 50 pounds per bundle. Tree limbs must be under 6-inches in diameter.

**PROHIBITED MATERIALS** for compost collection:

**NO:** plastic bags, trash, meat, fish, bones, oils, dairy products, recyclables, stones, dirt, sod, animal waste, logs over 6-inches in diameter, stumps, painted or treated wood.

**Compost drop-off options.** Ann Arbor residents may deliver up to one cubic yard (6 yardwaste bags) per visit, at no charge, to the Compost Center, 4150 Platt Road. **See hours below.** Additional quantities cost: $10/cy ($15/cy nonresidents). The Drop-Off Station also accepts yard waste, including larger tree limbs, stumps, etc., on a for-fee basis 734.971.7400. **See more information below.**

**MUNICIPAL COMPOST & MULCH SALES**

Two natural ingredients can help produce healthy gardens and landscapes. **Compost** enriches the soil with the nutrients from naturally-decomposed organic materials. **Mulch**, made from shredded branches or wood, can be applied around shrubs and plants to retain moisture and reduce weeds. Ann Arbor's screened, cured, and tested municipal compost and mulch are available for sale from two convenient locations. Test results are posted at [www.a2gov.org/compost](http://www.a2gov.org/compost).

**City of Ann Arbor's Compost Center**
4150 Platt Rd., 734.794.6380
Open Mon-Fri 8-4; Sat 8-12 April-May-June.
[www.a2gov.org/compost](http://www.a2gov.org/compost)

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Pre-pay at the MRF Scalehouse; loader will be radioed to fill vehicle. All trucks must be tarped before exiting.

**Recycle Ann Arbor's Drop-Off Station**
2950 E. Ellsworth at Platt 734.971.7400
$3.00 entry fee unless purchasing compost or mulch.

Open Tues 9-6; Wed-Sat 9-5. Also see page 9.

| Compost…………………………………………………………………………… | $1.75/bushel or $7/cy* |
| Mixed Mulch……………………………………………………………………… | $1.50/bushel, $15/cy* |
| Wood Chips……………………………………………………………………… | $10/cy* |
| Yard waste drop-off…………………………………………………………… | $2 bag, $14/cy* |
| Stumps, larger logs, painted wood……………………………………….... | $3/bag, $23/cy* |

Delivery is available for additional charge.
Call 734.971.7400 for more information.

*cy= cubic yard. Prices are subject to change.