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MUSCATINE COMPOST FACILITY TO OPEN MARCH 25

Free disposal of yard waste for Muscatine residents continues to be offered

MUSCATINE, Iowa – The Compost Facility will open for the season at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, according to David Popp, Solid Waste Manager for the City of Muscatine. The site is located at the Muscatine Transfer Station, 1000 S. Houser St., Muscatine.

Regular hours for the Compost Facility are 12-6 p.m. Sunday through Friday and from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturdays.

Muscatine and Fruitland residents can take yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, plants) from their property to the facility along with brush and branches less than 10 inches in diameter and 10 feet in length, Larger trees and logs can also be taken to the location but tree stumps or roots are not accepted.

Non-residents and commercial users of the Compost Facility will be charged a fee for yard waste brought to the site.



Residents of Muscatine and Fruitland can visit the Muscatine Transfer Station, Muscatine City Hall Finance Department, or the Muscatine Public Works Department to receive a window sticker to verify that they are a resident and will not be charged a fee at the Compost Site by the attendant. A driver's license with current address will be needed to verify residency. Each resident will receive a sticker for up to two vehicles which should be placed in the lower right hand corner of the windshield.

An attendant will be on site to verify residency and secure payment from non-residents and commercial users (cash or check only with no bills larger than \$20.00) during Compost Site operating hours (12-6 p.m. Sunday-Friday, and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday).

The fee schedule for non-resident and for commercial users is available on the [Compost Site](#) page on the City of Muscatine web site.

The facility accepts yard waste, brush, and logs from Muscatine and Fruitland residents as part of their monthly solid waste collection fees. However, non-residents were not being charged and commercial tree and yard waste management services had to report to the Transfer Station before entering the Compost Site.

Not only does the Compost Facility receive material from Muscatine residents, they also offer screened compost and wood chips for residents to use at their residence free of charge while a \$5.00 per cubic yard will be charged to non-residents and to commercial users. A limited amount of compost available until later in the season. Please call in advance at (563) 263-9689.

“Loading of compost will be offered on weekdays from 12-3:30 p.m. but limited to the available of staff,” Popp said. “Loading of mulch on Saturday and Sunday will be up to the individual as staff will not be available to help.”

If you do not want to pick up compost at the facility, the Transfer Station will be offering a delivery service, but deliveries of shredded mulch, wood chips, and compost (when available) would need to be prescheduled by calling the Transfer Station. Deliveries would be limited to



Muscatine and Fruitland residents on their trash collection day and limited to time available. A full one-ton truck load would cost \$25.00.

The Compost Site also has firewood available for area residents. However, those wanting firewood are asked to check in with the attendant at the Compost Site and sign a waiver before cutting and/or loading firewood.

Popp reminds residents wanting to bring material to the compost site that all loads need to be secured during transportation to or from the compost site as loose material may fall onto city streets causing traffic hazards or damage to vehicles.

Compost Site Fee Schedule 2020			
Non-Resident Fee Schedule		Commercial Users Fee Schedule	
Per Bag	\$1.00	Pickup	\$30.00
Car/Van/SUV	\$5.00	Trailer Up to 10-feet	\$50.00
Small Pickup	\$10.00	Trailer 10-16 feet	\$100.00
Full Size Pickup	\$12.00	One Ton Dump Truck	\$50.00
1 Ton Small Dump Truck	\$15.00	Single Axle Dump Truck	\$75.00
Single Axle Trailer	\$15.00	Tandem Axle Dump Truck	\$100.00
Tandem Axle Trailer	\$30.00	Semi Dump	\$150.00
Single Axle Dump Truck	\$40.00		
Tandem Axle Dump Truck	\$60.00		
Semi Dump	\$100.00		
Pickup of shredded mulch, wood chips, and compost (when available)			
Load Out Fee	\$5.00 per cubic yard	Load Out Fee	\$5.00 per cubic yard
Delivery of shredded mulch, wood chips, and compost (when available)			
Muscatine and Fruitland Residents Only	\$25.00 for a full one ton load		