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### **TRANSFER STATION REOPENS TO PUBLIC WITH RESTRICTIONS**

*Tipping floor reopens to public; no change to “sticker only” policy for Compost Facility*

**MUSCATINE, Iowa** – The scale office at the City of Muscatine Transfer Station has reopened to the public according to David Popp, Solid Waste Manager for the City of Muscatine. No changes are planned for the Compost Facility, however.

“Our credit card machine has arrived and, if everything goes as planned, we will open the tipping floor to the public starting Thursday,” Popp said.

Customers will be allowed to enter the Transfer Station lobby one at a time and are required to wear a mask. Hand sanitizer will be available at the door.

Residents bringing items across the scale and onto the tipping floor will need to pay the fee with a credit or debit card. Customers wishing to write checks will need to write the check, show the clerk at the window, and then drop the check into a box in the lobby. No cash transactions will be allowed at this time.

Residents can also resume bringing household hazardous waste, appliances, tires, or electronics to the Transfer Station. Hazardous waste forms will be available in the Transfer

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Station lobby for residents wishing to drop off items. The forms can be filled out in the lobby and show to the clerk before dropping them into a box in the lobby.

The scale office was closed to the public and the tipping floor limited to commercial customers only on March 22, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 health crisis. Curbside residential trash, recycling, and bulky waste collections, however, were able to be maintained.

The Transfer Station is open 7:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on Saturday.

### **FREE DROP OFF WEEK IS COMING**

Free drop off of electronics to the Transfer Station (up to three per residence) will be from July 13 to July 18. Free drop of tires to the Transfer Station (up to four tires off the rim per residence) will be from July 20 to July 25.

Proof of residency (such as the Compost Facility sticker or driver's license) is required to participate in the free drop off week.

Tires, electronics, and appliances are accepted year round at the Transfer Station for a fee (See [FEE](#) schedule). These items can also be picked up with the curbside bulky waste program if the item/items are prepaid. Residents are allowed curbside pickup of two appliances for free per year per address.

### **NO CHANGE AT THE COMPOST FACILITY**

No change at the Compost Facility, only residents with the sticker at this time. We are still mailing out stickers to residents that call and request them.

The Compost Facility at the Muscatine Transfer Station remains open for residents of Muscatine and Fruitland to deposit yard waste but only to those who have the Compost Sticker. The Compost sticker identifies residents of Muscatine and Fruitland who can take yard waste to the Compost Facility for free.

Residents who do not already have a sticker need to call the Transfer Station to request a Compost Sticker. Transfer Station staff will verify that the resident does not already have a sticker and confirm their residency before the sticker is mailed out.

Residents requesting a sticker will be asked for their name, address, phone number, and make and model of the vehicle they will use to bring waste to the Compost Facility.

Only residents who currently have a Compost sticker will be allowed entry into the Compost Facility. The attendant will turn away drivers who not have a sticker at the present time as the attendant will not be accepting cash or payment by check from non-residents.

The site is located at the Muscatine Transfer Station, 1000 S. Houser St., Muscatine. Regular hours are 12-6 p.m. Sunday through Friday and from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturdays.

Firewood is also available for area residents when the site is open but only if they already have a signed release form with the Transfer Station. These forms are available at the Transfer Station office.

Mulch is also available at the Compost Facility to hand load. The Transfer Station is accepting requests for deliveries of mulch but the requests need to be paid with a credit card over the phone before deliveries are schedule.

At this time, no dirt or compost is available from the Compost Facility.