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## **MUSCATINE COMPOST FACILITY OPENING SATURDAY**

Yard Waste bag stickers available for purchase; resident stickers offered

**MUSCATINE – Iowa –** The Compost Facility at the Muscatine Transfer Station will open for the season at 12 p.m. Saturday (March 16) so put on the gloves, gather your yard waste, and securely transport the material to the facility. Muscatine and Fruitland residents can take yard waste from their residential property (grass clippings, leaves, and plants) to the Compost Facility free of charge.

Residents will also be able to bring brush and branches less than 10 inches in diameter and 10 feet in length to the facility. Larger tree sections and logs can also be taken to the location but tree stumps or roots are not accepted.

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

The City of Muscatine continues to offer year-round curbside collection of yard waste on the residents refuse collection day. Grass clippings, leaves, and garden waste will be picked up by



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the Solid Waste Division if the waste is placed in a yard waste bag with a City of Muscatine sticker placed on the bag.

## BAG STICKERS AVAILABLE

The City of Muscatine has moved away from requiring residents to purchase compostable paper yard waste bags with the city name and logo on it for curbside yard waste collection, and is now selling stickers that can be attached to any compostable yard waste bag.

Instead, the City of Muscatine will be selling stickers that can be attached to any vendor's compostable paper bag that could then be set curbside and picked up for free on the resident's regular trash collection day. The cost is \$1.50 per sticker with the stickers currently available at the Muscatine Transfer Station, Muscatine City Hall, Muscatine Public Works, Fareway, HyVee, and HyVee Mainstreet.



Stickers are only needed on bags that would be set out curbside for the City to collect on the residents regular collection day. The top of the compostable bag should be folded up with the sticker applied to help keep the top closed. The sticker does need to be visible to City staff as they proceed on their collection route.

Residents would not have to purchase a sticker to take the compostable paper bags filled with yard waste to the Compost Facility. However, a fee will be charged for those who do not meet the residency requirements (must be a resident of Muscatine or Fruitland to deposit yard waste at the Compost Facility for free).

Guidelines for yard waste compostable bags for curbside collection include:



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- Bags must contain yard waste only - no trash, recycling, building materials, or animal waste.
- Grass clippings, leaves, and garden waste must be placed in 20- or 30-gallon **paper compostable bags** and closed with a City of Muscatine yard waste sticker.
- Do not overfill bags (50 pound maximum) and keep them dry.
- Bags containing grass clippings, leaves, and garden waste will be picked up at the curb on the residents' regular refuse collection day.
- Stickers are for City of Muscatine residential yard waste collection only.
- Place bags out to the curb after 4 p.m. the day before but before 5 a.m. the day of collection.

Tree limbs and other trimmings from trees and shrubs will be collected curbside on the residents refuse collection day but they are required to be bundled together with string or cord in four-foot lengths.

The Compost Facility is located at 1000 South Houser Street in Muscatine and open daily from 12-5 p.m. in March and April. Extended hours begin May 1 of 12-5 p.m. Sunday through Friday and from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturdays.

Non-residents and commercial users of the Compost Facility will be charged a fee for yard waste brought to the site. The fee schedule for non-resident and for commercial users is available on the [Compost Facility](#) page on the City of Muscatine website.

## RESIDENT STICKER AVAILABLE

Residents of Muscatine and Fruitland will not be charged a fee for the use of the Compost Facility if they subscribe to City of Muscatine refuse collection. Residents can visit the Muscatine Transfer Station (1000 S. Houser St.), the Finance Department at Muscatine City Hall (215



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Sycamore St.), or the Muscatine Public Works Department (1459 Washington St.) to receive a window sticker to verify that they are a resident. 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.

## COMPOST AVAILABLE

The facility has screened compost and shredded mulch available for residents to pick up. Help loading compost will be offered on weekdays from 12-3:30 p.m. but limited to the availability of staff. 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.

Please call the Muscatine Transfer Station at (563) 263-9689 for more information.



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<b>Compost Site Fee Schedule 2024</b>				
<b>Non-Resident Fee Schedule</b>		<b>Commercial Users Fee Schedule</b>		
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			
<b>Pickup of shredded mulch, wood chips, and compost (when available)</b>				
Load Out Fee	\$5.00 per cubic yard	Load Out Fee	\$5.00 per cubic yard	
<b>Delivery of shredded mulch, wood chips, and compost (when available)</b>				
Muscatine and Fruitland Residents Only	\$25.00 for a full one-ton load			

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