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COMPOST COLLECTION RETURNS APRIL 4, 2011

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — March 22, 2011 — **The weekly curbside collection of residential compostables in the City of Ann Arbor resumes on Monday, April 4, 2011** on regular curbside trash collection days. The compost program accepts yard trimmings such as leaves, plants, garden debris, twigs, and branches up to six inches in diameter and four feet in length. Ann Arbor residents using optional compost carts may also place grass clippings, fruit and vegetable scraps, and uncoated paper plates, paper cups, and napkins inside compost carts for municipal collection.

Residents may also use **paper yard waste bags** (available from local retailers) or **city-approved compost carts** (available for \$50 each from the city's Customer Service & Payment Center). **Brush and tree limbs (up to 6" in diameter) may be tied into bundles up to 18 inches in diameter.** Each bag or bundle of compostables has a maximum weight of 50 pounds. Paper yard waste bags with food scraps or grass clippings are not allowed outside of a compost cart in order to avoid attracting wildlife, generating odors, or creating unsafe conditions from wet, overweight, or broken paper bags at the curb. The compost program does not accept plastic bags, trash, stones, dirt, sod, animal waste, or logs over six-inches in diameter.

Participating residents must place their compostables at the curb before 7 a.m. on their weekly waste collection day and allow at least 3-feet between each cart.



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The city sells authorized, municipal 96-, 64-, and 35-gallon compost carts for a one-time price of \$50 each (same price for any size). Residents may purchase compost carts from the city's Customer Service Center & Payment Center (734.994.7336 or 99-GREEN) during weekday business hours at 220 E. Huron, and pay by cash, check, or credit card. Sample carts may be viewed on curbsides around the city. An online summary of the city's compost, recycling and trash cart collection options is posted at www.a2gov.org/carts.

For 24-hour information on the city's compost operations, more details on the expanded fruit and vegetable materials accepted for seasonal collection, and compost cart sales, call please 99.GREEN (734.994.7336) or view the city's web site at www.a2gov.org/compost.

Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and is frequently recognized as a foremost place to live, learn, work, thrive and visit (www.a2gov.org/news). To keep up with City of Ann Arbor information, subscribe for e-mail updates (www.a2gov.org/subscribe), follow us on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/a2gov>) or become a city fan on Facebook (www.facebook.com/thecityofannarbor). The city's mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that foster fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve. ###