



## **CITY OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN**

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### **ANN ARBOR'S COMPOSTABLES COLLECTION TO END FOR SEASON: LAST PICKUP WEEK IS DEC. 6-10, 2010**

ANN ARBOR, Mich. – Nov. 30, 2010 – Ann Arbor's last week of curbside Compostable collection for the season is Dec. 6-10, 2010. Residents may place leaves, weeds, and brush into paper yard waste bags or into their optional compost cart and set the materials at the curb before 7 a.m. on their normal curbside solid waste collection day. Each yard waste bag or bundle may weigh up to 50 pounds. Bundled brush is also accepted at the curb when tied into bundles up to 18 inches in diameter and four feet in length. Individual branches may be up to six inches in diameter. Plastic bags are not accepted for yard waste. Residents who have purchased and use the optional compost carts may also include grass clippings; fruit and vegetable scraps; and uncoated paper plates, cups, and napkins in their compost carts for municipal collection. Optional compost carts may be purchased for a one-time charge of \$50 each for any size (32-, 64-or 96-gallon cart) from the city's Customer Service Center, 220 E. Huron, open weekdays 8-5, 734.994.2807. The seasonal curbside compost pickups will resume with the return of the growing season on Monday, April 4, 2011. Additional details of the city's compostable program are posted online at [www.a2gov.org/compost](http://www.a2gov.org/compost).

Unlimited quantities of leaves from city residents and their contracted haulers are accepted at no charge when delivered to the city's Compost Center, 4150 Platt Road, open Monday through Friday (non holidays) 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., 734.794.6380 between Sept. 1 through Dec. 31. Commercial haulers are required to have a free permit signed by the resident in order to take advantage of the free drop-off option. Copies of the free leaf drop-off permits are posted online at [www.a2gov.org/leaves](http://www.a2gov.org/leaves).



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Year-round, Ann Arbor residents may deliver up to one cubic yard (6 yard waste bags) per visit of compostables—including grass clippings, fruit and vegetable scraps, and uncoated paper plates, cups and napkins---at no charge, to the Compost Center, and \$10/cy additional cubic yards/resident, \$12/cy for nonresidents. Compostables are also accepted for \$2/bag, \$23/cubic yard (plus a \$3 entry fee) at Recycle Ann Arbor's Drop-Off Station, 2950 E. Ellsworth, 734.971.7400, open Tues-Sat, 9-5.

### Additional options for handling fall leaves

- **Feed your lawn with leaves by using a mulching mower.** Instead of raking leaves, run a mulching mower across up to six inches of fallen leaves. The Turf Research Institute faculty at Michigan State University find leaf mulch is the ideal fall lawn treatment. Consult the links on the Web at [www.a2gov.org/leaves](http://www.a2gov.org/leaves) for leaf mulching reports from Scotts Lawn Care and MSU. The fall leaf mulching process is a common leaf management method used by golf course operators.
- **Compost at home.** An easy outdoor composting recipe is provided at [www.a2gov.org/compost](http://www.a2gov.org/compost).

For more information on the city's solid waste programs, please visit the Web site at [www.a2gov.org/recycle](http://www.a2gov.org/recycle) or phone the Customer Service Center at 734.99-GREEN.

*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](http://www.a2gov.org/news)). To keep up with City of Ann Arbor information, subscribe for e-mail updates ([www.a2gov.org/subscribe](http://www.a2gov.org/subscribe)), follow us on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/a2gov>) or become a city fan on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/thecityofannarbor](http://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 fosters, fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve. ###*