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Leaf mulching demonstration and mower give-away on Oct. 10

ANN ARBOR, Mich. – October 1, 2010 – Want to learn more about mulching fall leaves as an alternative to raking and bagging? Then come to a City of Ann Arbor leaf mulching demonstration 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 10. The event takes place at the Wheeler Park shelter at Summit near the train station. **Carpenter Bros. Hardware & Rental** staff will demonstrate several ways to manage fall leaves including using mulching mowers and other types of rental yard equipment.. At 2 p.m. a new Lawn boy mulching mower made by Toro will be given away as a door prize. To enter the drawing, participants must be present, an Ann Arbor resident, over age 16 (or with an adult) and not an employee of the City of Ann Arbor. Cider, donuts, and a youth activity will be provided. Additional information is posted at www.a2gov.org/leaves.

Free handouts and on-site information on managing fall leaves will be provided by the City of Ann Arbor (www.a2gov.org/leaves), Washtenaw County Environmental Services (<http://recycle.eWashtenaw.org>), and the Michigan State University Extension Service (www.turf.msu.edu). Flyers on the Neighborhood Senior Services 35th annual leaf raking day on Nov. 13 (www.nssweb.org) will also be available.

The City of Ann Arbor no longer collects bulk leaves from the streets. Instead, residents should dispose of leaves using the weekly compost (bag or cart) pickups, April through the end of November, or mulch the leaves directly into the turf, or practice at-home composting. In addition, the city is accepting unlimited, free leaf drop off at the Compost Center, 4150 Platt Road, open Monday through Friday (non holidays) 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Dec. 31. Unlimited quantities of leaves from city residents and their contracted haulers are accepted (at no charge when accompanied by a free permit signed by the resident) and delivered to the city's Compost Center. Go online to www.a2gov.org/leaves for the free drop-off permit and more information on fall leaf management options.

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 fosters, fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve.