



## CITY OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

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Dear City of Ann Arbor Resident,

Your neighborhood has been selected by the City of Ann Arbor for an innovative **Compostables Collection Pilot**. Please see the map on the back for the exact street locations. Here's a quick summary:

- **Towards the end of August, you will receive a special 96-gallon cart to hold your yard waste and other compostable materials.**
- **Use the Compost cart for your yard debris, including weeds, brush, grass clippings—and even uncooked produce waste** (e.g., melon rinds, apple cores, corn cobs).
- **The cart will be provided at no additional charge** and you will be able to keep the cart for yard waste after the pilot period is over. The pilot will end Friday, December 1, 2006 and resume with the return of the growing season on April 1, 2007.
- **Similar to the A2 trash cart, place the compost cart** at the curb before 7 a.m. on Friday. Allow at least 3' between the Compostable cart and the A2 Cart, recycling bins, and other obstacles such as utility poles, trees, and vehicles.
- **All Compostables must be contained inside a closed cart.** Please save extra materials for the next week. Do not leave bundled brush or paper bags of yard waste outside of the Compost cart. Your fall street leaf collection will be provided as scheduled.
- You will receive survey/comment cards from the City to tell us how the program is working for you.

As a pilot partner, you no longer have to purchase paper yard waste bags. There will be no need to bundle brush and tree limbs. And you will have a durable cart to roll around your yard to hold your weeds, prunings, etc. Please see the enclosed fact sheet for more specifics.

Ten years ago your neighborhood participated in a “mixed office paper” recycling pilot and was very instrumental in helping to test the markets and define an expanded recycling program before it was rolled out citywide. We hope that your interest, comments, and insights will help test and shape this compost expansion pilot.

If you want a second 96-gallon Compost cart (\$45 prepaid before delivery) or have questions about the program, please call the city's Customer Service Center at (734) 994-2807 or e-mail [recycle@a2gov.org](mailto:recycle@a2gov.org). We look forward to working with you on this pilot.

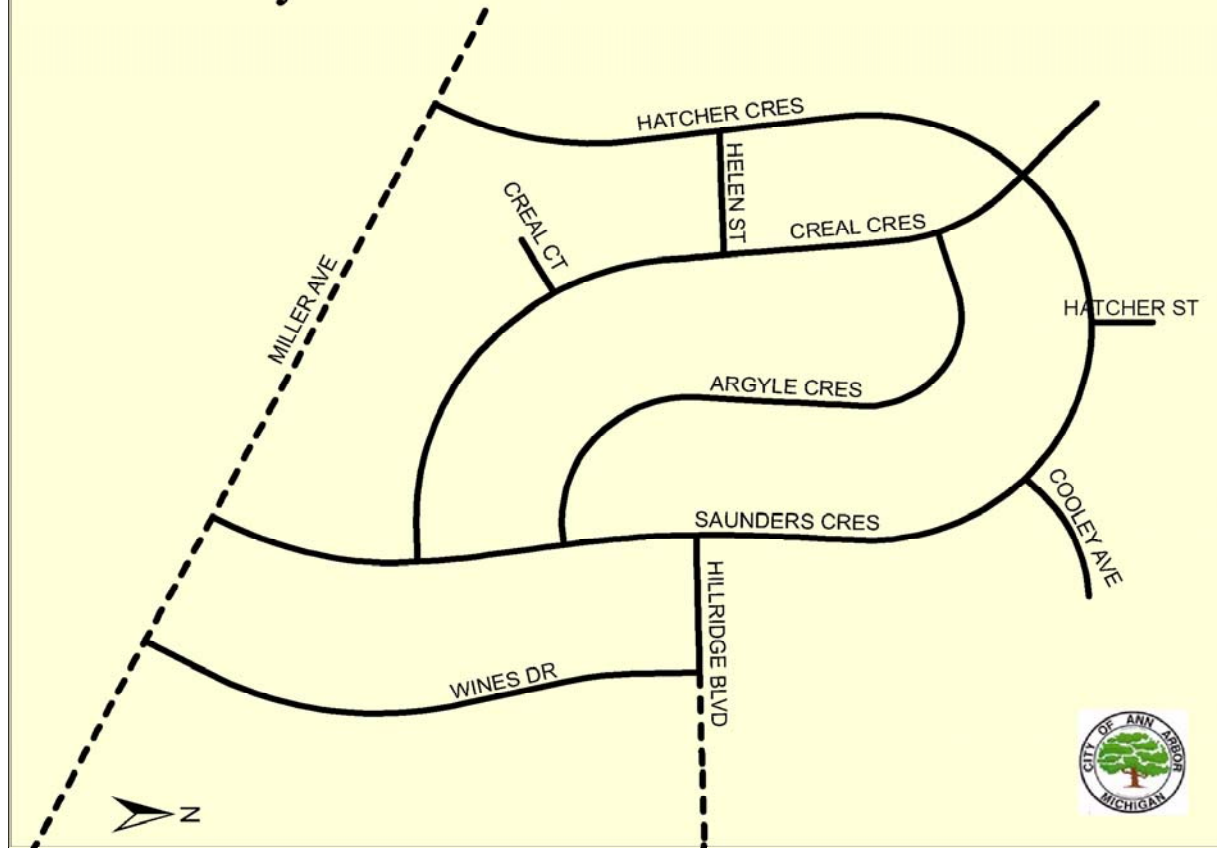
Sincerely,

Sue McCormick, Public Services Area Administrator

Enclosed: Map of Pilot Area; Chart of Acceptable Compost Materials; Fact Sheet on Compostable Cart Pilot

# Compost Cart Pilot Area 2006 - 07

City of Ann Arbor Public Services



<b>YES</b> <b>Acceptable items</b>	<b>NO: <u>DO NOT</u> place these items</b> <b>in the Compostable Cart</b>
<p><b>Yard wastes such as branches, weeds, brush, prunings, flowers, wood chips, hay, leaves, garden waste. No need to bundle brush.</b></p> <p><b>Grass clippings.</b></p> <p><b>Uncooked produce scraps, such as fruit &amp; vegetable peels, apple cores, corncobs, husks, salad greens.</b></p> <p><b>Coffee grounds &amp; filters, paper bags, newspapers.</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Cart must be placed 3' from other obstacles, with lid closed.</b></p>	<p>No Trash.</p> <p>No tree limbs larger than 6" in diameter. Branches cannot stick out of the cart.</p> <p>No meat, fish, bones, oils.</p> <p>No dairy products: milk, cheese, yogurt, or sauces.</p> <p>No cooked foods, casseroles, bread.</p> <p>No rocks, dirt, sod. No animal wastes, kitty litter, dog droppings.</p> <p>No plastic bags, plastic food trays, or anything plastic or metal.</p>