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“PUMPKINS 2 COMPOST” RECYCLING

RECYCLE YOUR ORGANIC HALLOWEEN DÉCOR ON NOVEMBER 4 AT MCC

WOODSTOCK IL – On Saturday, November 4, McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) will hold a one - day “Pumpkins 2 Compost” collection for residents during the Green Living Expo at McHenry County College. There is no charge for this composting event, where residents may drop off, pitch, toss or bowl their organic Halloween decorations (pumpkins, cornstalks, gourds and mums). The November 4 collection will take place between 10 am and 3 pm at McHenry County College, 8900 Hwy 14 in Crystal Lake IL. Organic Halloween decorations from residential sources may be dropped off and must be free of candles, glow sticks, lights and artificial fasteners. No other types of recyclable materials or waste will be collected at this station.

According to the most recent Illinois Commodity Waste Generation and Characterization Study Update, organics represent nearly 28% of all material that is landfilled in the state of Illinois. The event will divert compostable material from disposal in landfills, helping to preserve landfill capacity. All of the compostable material collected will be transported to an EPA permitted organics composting facility.

This organics composting opportunity is made possible by McHenry County College, Prairieland Disposal and McHenry County Department of Health.

Please visit the Department’s website www.mcdh.info to review the event flyer or contact the Division of Environmental Health at 815-334-4585.