Skokie Hosts its first Pumpkin Recycling Event!

Let that ol’ jack-o-lantern nourish the soil and not burden the landfill! The Village of Skokie will be collecting pumpkins for composting at the Skokie Farmers’ Market on Sunday, November 6, from 9 a.m. to noon. This drive-up, drop-off event will be held at the municipal parking lot at the northwest corner of Oakton Street and Floral Avenue in Downtown Skokie.

Did you know that Illinois farmers grow more ornamental and canning-type pumpkins than any other state in the country? With the Halloween season ending, rather than placing pumpkins with other refuse that will be landfilled, residents are encouraged to drop off their pumpkins for composting. Pumpkins are 90% water, and are full of nutrients that are good for the soil.

Plain, clean pumpkins of any size will be accepted, as well as pumpkins painted with acrylic paint. Any pumpkin decorations such as candles, yarn, stickers or other decorations should be removed prior to drop-off. Pumpkins can be placed in plastic bags for transport. No other drop-off materials will be accepted at this event. Lakeshore Recycling will provide the containers for the pumpkin collection event and will transport the pumpkins to the composting site.

For additional information, please contact the Village Manager’s Office at 847/933-8210 and visit www.skokie.org.

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