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MUSCATINE COMPOST FACILITY OPEN FOR BUSINESS MARCH 13

Facility cleaned up and ready to receive more yard waste starting this weekend

MUSCATINE – Iowa – Miller Logging spent most of the last week shredding the remaining piles of storm damage accumulated from the derecho in 2020 as the Compost Facility prepared for the opening of their season.

The Compost Facility will be open Saturdays and Sundays in March, starting this Saturday (March 13) according to David Popp, Solid Waste Manager for the City of Muscatine. The facility will be open 12-5 p.m. each day.



Miller Logging processes accumulated material from the 2020 derecho event as work to clean up the facility for the 2021 was underway.

The Compost Facility located at the Muscatine Transfer Station, 1000 S. Houser St., Muscatine, will resume normal seasonal hours on Saturday, April 3, 2021. Regular hours for the Compost Facility are 12-6 p.m. Sunday through Friday and from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturdays.

Numerous truckloads of shredded debris were hauled out of the facility and taken to the Muscatine County Landfill.



Plenty of room for yard waste as the Muscatine Compost Facility prepares to open on Saturday, March 13.

“It is actually quite good material for use at the landfill,” Popp said. “Miller Logging may take some of the material with them and rescreen it for their use.”

Popp said that in years past most of the shredded material would be taken by Miller Logging to their facility to be turned into mulch for homeowners.

“With the derecho last year there was an excess of material that could be shredded, screened, and used for mulch,” Popp said. “So the piles of material here just kept growing.”

Muscatine and Fruitland residents can take yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, plants) from their property to the facility along with brush and branches less than 10 inches in diameter and 10 feet in length, Larger trees and logs can also be taken to the location but tree stumps or roots are not accepted.

Non-residents and commercial users of the Compost Facility will be charged a fee for yard waste brought to the site.



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Residents of Muscatine and Fruitland can visit the Muscatine Transfer Station, Muscatine City Hall Finance Department, or the Muscatine Public Works Department to receive a window sticker to verify that they are a resident and will not be charged a fee at the Compost Facility by the attendant. A driver’s license with current address will be needed to verify residency. Each resident will receive a sticker for up to two vehicles which should be placed in the lower right hand corner of the

The fee schedule for non-resident and for commercial users is available on the [Compost Site](#) page on the City of Muscatine web site.

An attendant will be on site to verify residency and secure payment from non-residents and commercial users (cash or check only with no bills larger than \$20.00) during Compost Site operating hours (12-6 p.m. Sunday-Friday, and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday).

Not only does the Compost Facility receive material, the facility has screened compost and wood chips for Fruitland and Muscatine residents to use at their residence free of charge while a \$5.00 per cubic yard fee will be charged to non-residents and commercial users. A limited amount of compost is available until later in the season. Please call in advance at (563) 263-9689.

Help loading compost will be offered on weekdays from 12-3:30 p.m. after April 3 but limited to the available of staff. Loading of mulch on Saturday and Sunday will be up to the individual as staff will not be available to help.

If you do not want to pick up compost at the facility, the Transfer Station will be offering a delivery service, but deliveries of shredded mulch, wood chips, and compost (when available) would need to be prescheduled by calling the Transfer Station. Deliveries would be limited to Muscatine and Fruitland residents on their trash collection day and limited to time available. A full one-ton truck load would cost \$25.00.

The Compost Site also has firewood available for area residents. However, those wanting firewood are asked to check in with the attendant at the Compost Site and sign a waiver before cutting and/or loading firewood.

Popp reminds residents wanting to bring material to the compost site that all loads need to be secured during transportation to or from the compost site as loose material may fall onto city streets causing traffic hazards or damage to vehicles.