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News Release

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### **Yardwaste Recycling Center Fall Hours**

In anticipation of the fall leaf season activities, the City's Yardwaste Recycling Center (YRC), and Lone Pine Recycling Center will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday afternoons beginning on November 6 and running until December 4.

Also, winter hours for the YRC and the Lone Pine and Franklin Avenue Recycling Centers will begin Tuesday, November 8, 2011, the first Tuesday after the end of Daylight Savings Time. These facilities will be open to accept yard waste and brush from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. They are closed Mondays.

Winter loading hours for mulch products, which are for sale at the YRC, will be from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Please call the Recycling Hotline at 864-1904 for current availability of these products. Please note: the City will not have compost available for sale this fall – please see [www.springfieldmo.gov/recycling](http://www.springfieldmo.gov/recycling) for details.

Residents are reminded that City ordinances prohibit the dumping of leaves and yardwaste into streets and waterways, including street gutters. Several alternatives are available for environmentally responsible leaf disposal: mulching leaves, proper backyard composting, utilizing the City's Yardwaste Recycling Center (YRC) facilities and services.

Directions to the Yardwaste Recycling Center: go west on Sunshine (Hwy. 60). Turn left (South) on to Farm Road 115. Turn left (East) onto Farm Road 164. Follow signs to the (YRC). Access is also available by going West on James River Freeway to Sunshine (Hwy. 60), turning right (East) onto Sunshine (Hwy. 60). Turn right (South) onto Farm Road 115, turning left (East) onto Farm Road 164. Follow the signs to the (YRC). Leaves are accepted free of charge from City residents. Honor system fees in the amount of \$.50 per bag of leaves apply to non-residents. Brush is accepted from Springfield/Greene County residents with a \$3.00 per vehicle fee. The revenue from the fees, donations and product sales help offset the cost of operating the YRC.

The Lone Pine Avenue Recycling Center (3020 South Lone Pine Avenue – one block South of Battlefield/Lone Pine intersection) accepts limited quantities of leaves and yardwaste. Honor system fees in the amount of \$.50 per bag of leaves from City residents and \$1.00 per bag from non-residents are necessary to pay the cost of transporting the yardwaste to the Yardwaste Recycling Center. The honor system fees help to insure that the City can continue to provide the yardwaste services at these facilities.

To shorten waiting time and ease traffic volume, residents utilizing the Lone Pine Avenue Recycling Center during the busy fall leaf season are encouraged to arrive with materials

separated. Also, vehicles pulling trailers should be taken to either the Franklin Avenue Recycling Center (not open on Sundays) or to the Yardwaste Recycling Center. Commercially generated yardwaste is not accepted at either of the Franklin or Lone Pine Recycling Centers. It is accepted only at the Yardwaste Recycling Center.

For complete information about the City's yardwaste recycling services, including hours of operation, materials and quantities accepted, fees/donations, please call the City of Springfield's Recycling Hotline at 864-1904 or visit the City's web site at [www.springfieldmo.gov/recycling](http://www.springfieldmo.gov/recycling). Information is also available on backyard composting, mulching and use of compost and mulching materials.

For more information: Ted O'Neill, Superintendent of Solid Waste Management at 864-1905.