

# Recyclers' Corner



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[Editor's Note: Recyclers' Corner is a periodic news column sponsored by Denver Recycles, a program of Denver Public Works/Solid Waste Management. It includes updates on seasonal and ongoing activities related to the City and County of Denver's recycling programs. Editors are invited to publish all or part of the column; however, we request that you run major edits by our staff to ensure accuracy of the information. Questions may be directed to Charlotte Pitt or Tom Strickland at Denver Recycles, 720-865-6815.]

## LeafDrop 2008: Recycle Those Leaves & Pumpkins!

**IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN TO RAKE UP AND RECYCLE THE LEAVES IN YOUR YARD AND HELP MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE TURNED INTO COMPOST!**



**Sunday, November 2nd, 9th & 16th** residents may drop-off an unlimited amount of leaves at one of five LeafDrop locations. Also, between Oct. 6th and Dec. 5th, two **weekday** (Mon.-Fri.) drop-off locations will be available to residents. This event is brought to you by Denver Recycles, a program of Solid Waste Management/Denver Public Works.

Also, Halloween pumpkins will also be accepted for recycling on any one of the three Sunday collection days. *So clean out that Jack-o-lantern and recycle it!*

Removing yard debris, such as leaves, from our waste stream is important in reducing our impact on global warming and the environment. Consider recycling your leaves by digging them into your garden, composting them at home or using a lawn mower to mulch small amounts into your grass.

Remember to **never sweep your leaves into the street.** This clogs up storm sewers and street sweeper vehicles.

### **SUNDAY DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:**

**When:** Sundays, November 2, 9 & 16 (10 AM to 4 PM)

**Where:** NW Denver - **Sloan's Lake Park** (17th Ave. at Sheridan Blvd.)  
SW Denver - **John F. Kennedy High School** (Newland St. & Brown Pl.)  
Central Denver - **Cranmer Park** (3rd Ave. & Clermont St.)  
SE Denver - **South High School** (Louisiana Ave. & Franklin St.)  
NE Denver - **Smiley Middle School** (26<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Holly St.) **\*NEW SITE FOR 2008**



### **WEEKDAY DROP-OFF (CLOSED WEEKENDS):**

**When:** Monday through Friday only, 7 AM to 2:30 PM (Oct. 6 – Dec. 5, Closed Holidays)

**Where:** **Havana Nursery**, 10450 Smith Rd./ (just south of I-70 on Havana St.)  
**Denver Solid Waste Transfer Station**, 7301 E. Jewell Ave. (Quebec St. & S. Cherry Creek Dr.)

### ***Brown Bag Them & Go!***

Save your plastic trash bags and our time by bringing your leaves in paper yard debris bags. Unlike plastic bags, brown paper bags can be composted with your leaves. Many hardware, home improvement and department stores sell paper yard debris bags.

**Notes:**

- Denver Residents Only!
- Please make sure your loads contain leaves and pumpkins only. No branches, sticks, grass or trash.
- DO **NOT** drop leaves at these sites except during the times and dates specified. Leaves left at other times will not be recycled.
- Leaves dropped off at one of the **weekday sites will need to be left in tied or secured bags.**

Don't forget to reclaim your leaves in next spring's Treecycle Mulch Giveaway & Leaf**Drop** Compost Sale. Call 720-865-6810 or visit [DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles](http://DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles) after April 1, 2009 for more details on when and where the Mulch Giveaway & Compost Sale will be held.

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## Recycling Directory Available on Web

### ***Searching for locations where you can recycle clothing, eyeglasses, motor oil, scrap metal or other items not taken in the purple carts?***

Check out Denver Recycles' online "RECYCLING DIRECTORY" at [DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles](http://DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles). The online Recycling Directory list drop-off locations for a wide range of materials including:

Aluminum cans, appliances, batteries, bicycles, books, carpet padding, cell phones, clothing, cooking oil, CFL's, electronics, eyeglasses, motor oil, packing material, propane tanks, scrap metal, sneakers, televisions, tires, toner cartridges, and much more.

For large quantities of materials we suggest calling the specific facility ahead of time, as some facilities can only handle smaller amounts for materials.

So, take a moment to visit us at [DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles](http://DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles) and find out what you have been missing.

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