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2008 Denver LeafDrop Begins

Keeping your leaves off the street and turning them into compost.

Fall is upon us and so is the annual ritual of raking your leaves. **Denver Recycles' LeafDrop** program once again will be providing options for Denver residents to reuse and recycle their leaves.

Residents are encouraged to reuse and recycle their leaves by digging them into the garden, composting them or using a lawn mower to mulch small amounts into their lawns. This adds nutrients and helps the soil retain moisture.

Denver residents that can't reuse all their leaves at home can bring them for recycling to one of the Sunday only or Weekday only drop-off sites listed below. Then residents can help to close the recycling loop next spring by reclaiming their leaves in the form of rich compost at the **Denver Recycles' annual Treecycle Mulch Giveaway and LeafDrop Compost Sale**.

Weekday Drop-off Options

Open now through December 5th, 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Closed weekends and holidays.

Residents can drop off bagged leaves only at these sites.

- ❖ **Havana Nursery** - 10450 Smith Road, just south of I-70 on Havana
- ❖ **Denver Solid Waste Transfer Station** – 7301 E Jewell Ave. (Quebec St. & Cherry Creek South Dr.)

Sunday Drop-off Options

Sunday, November 2, 9, & 16th

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Northwest: Sloan's Lake Park – 17th Ave. at Sheridan Blvd.

Southwest: John F. Kennedy High School – Newland St. & Brown Pl.

East Central: Cranmer Park – 3rd Ave. & Clermont St.

Southeast: South High School – Louisiana Ave. & Franklin St.

Northeast: Smiley Middle School – 26th Ave. & Holly St. **(*New location for 2008 LeafDrop)**

Brown Bag Them & Go!

Residents can save their plastic trash bags and Denver Recycles' time by bringing their leaves in paper yard debris bags. Unlike plastic bags, brown paper bags can be composted with leaves. Many hardware, home improvement and department stores sell paper yard debris bags.

Important Reminders

- **Do NOT drop leaves at these sites except during the times and dates specified.**
- LeafDrop is only for Denver residents.
- No branches or other wastes, please.
- In case of bad weather, call 720-865-6810 to check for cancellation.
- For more information visit www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles or call 720-865-6810.

The **Denver LeafDrop** is a leaf collection and composting program designed to keep recyclable organic waste out of area landfills and off our streets. It is sponsored annually by **Denver Recycles**, a program of Denver Public Works/Solid Waste Management in cooperation with **A1 Organics**.