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Pumpkin & Squash Recycling Event - Saturday, 11/6/21

Kane County, in conjunction with Pushing the Envelope Farm and Northern Illinois Food Bank, are offering a free pumpkin recycling event in Geneva on Saturday, November 6th from 9am to 12 noon, to help you reduce your seasonal holiday waste! See the [event flyer](#) here!

Jack O'Lanterns, pumpkins and decorative squashes are highly compostable and it is a real shame to just send them to a landfill, when the nutrients they contain could instead be returned to soil that will grow more healthy food!

When: Saturday, November 6th, 2021 from 9am-12pm

Where: Pushing the Envelope Farm at 1700 Averill Road in Geneva

YES: We will take • pumpkins (carved or whole) • decorative squashes and gourds
• corn stalks • hay bales • any other organic materials used as fall décor

NO: We will not take any Jack O'Lanterns with any of the following items in or on them:

• candles • yarn hair • stickers • glitter • googly eyes • plastic ears • plastic of any kind • excessive amounts of paint

Because these materials will be composted straight into the soil of the farm, it is very important to keep it contaminant-free; just like food scrap composting. In other words, only the squashes, pumpkins, and gourds themselves can be accepted at this event!

Spread the word! Tell your neighbors and friends to utilize this great service to get all those pumpkins composted instead of landfilled!

[Elgin](#) and [St. Charles](#) are also holding Pumpkin composting events.