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Village of Skokie

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For Immediate Release **Public Information Division**

Skokie Hosts a Pumpkin Recycling and Paper Shredding Event!

Let that ol' jack-o-lantern nourish the soil and not burden the landfill! The Village of Skokie will be collecting pumpkins for composting and offering responsible paper shredding at the Skokie Farmers' Market, 5127 Oakton Street on Sunday, November 5, from 9 a.m. to noon. This drive-up, drop-off event will be held at the municipal parking lot at the northwest corner of Oakton Street and Floral Avenue in Downtown Skokie.

Did you know that Illinois farmers grow more ornamental and canning-type pumpkins than any other state in the country? With the Halloween season ending, rather than placing pumpkins with other refuse that will be landfilled, residents are encouraged to drop off their pumpkins for composting. Pumpkins are 90% water, and are full of nutrients that are good for the soil.

Plain, clean pumpkins of any size will be accepted, as well as pumpkins painted with acrylic paint. Any pumpkin decorations such as candles, yarn, stickers or other decorations should be removed prior to drop-off. Pumpkins can be placed in plastic bags for transport. Lakeshore Recycling will provide the containers for the pumpkin collection event and will transport the pumpkins to the composting site.

Up to five bags of paper shredding will be accepted per vehicle. This event is partly in cooperation with the Skokie Chamber of Commerce. Proper destruction of documents such as residentially-generated paper, medical forms, bank statements, personal files, retired tax forms, etc. prevents identity theft. No materials from businesses, schools or institutions will be accepted. Stapled materials are accepted, but please remove binder clips. Documents will be shredded on-site at the time of drop-off.

For additional information, please contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257 and visit www.skokie.org.

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