

Dear Community Council Presidents,

On behalf of City Manager Milton Dohoney, first let me thank you for all you do to improve the quality of life for our 52 neighborhoods.

As you are aware, the City has been facing budgetary challenges that require ongoing belt-tightening. This is having an effect on the City's ability to maintain the high service levels that our citizens have come to expect.

The City of Cincinnati suspended curbside collection of yard waste from homes and businesses earlier this year. Due to budget reductions, separated yard waste will, unfortunately, no longer be collected. Garbage collection will continue to occur on regularly scheduled days. This service remains unaffected

The administration is aware that this change in service will certainly have an affect on your neighborhood residents. Please help spread the word about some of the options for disposing of unwanted yard waste:

- We are encouraging citizens to engage in alternative, environmentally-friendly uses for their yard waste, such as composting and mulching whenever practical.
- Basic information about composting and a downloadable brochure for beginners are available from Hamilton County's Backyard Composting page.
<http://www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org/>
- Several yard waste drop-off sites are in operation across Hamilton County. Residents are strongly encouraged to utilize these free sites for disposal of yard waste:

Centrally Located:

West Fork Solid Waste Facility - 3320 Mill Creek Road, South Cumminsville
For Cincinnati residents only. Accessible off Spring Grove Ave. and off Beekman St.
Open year-round Monday through Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (excluding holidays)

East Side of Town:

Bzak Landscaping - 3295 Turpin Lane (off Rt. 32), Anderson Township
Open March 26, 2011 – November 20, 2011; Closed April 24, May 30, July 4 and September 5, 2011.
Saturdays and Sundays, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

West Side of Town:

Kuliga Park - 6717 Bridgetown Road, Green Township
Open March 26, 2011 – November 20, 2011; Closed April 24th, July 2nd and 3rd.
Saturdays and Sundays, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

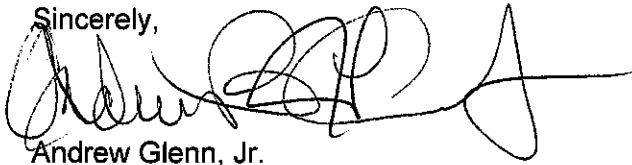
North side of town:

Rumpke Landfill - Struble Road and Colerain Avenue, Colerain Township
Open March 26, 2011 – November 20, 2011; Closed on April 24th.
Saturdays and Sundays, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Additional information about the Hamilton County drop-off sites can be found on the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District's website. You may also visit 5916000.com, or call 591-6000 for more information.

Again, we understand how this program change will affect the residents in your community, so please encourage them to use environmentally-friendly options when possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Glenn, Jr.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Glenn, Jr.

Director, Public Services