



COMPOST

Did you know that pumpkins are 90% water and contain nutrients that are good for soil?

Rather than throw your pumpkin away:

- Chop it up and place it in your compost bin or yard waste bags
- Take it to a Pumpkin Smash collection site on Saturday, November 5, 2022

Don't forget to harvest the seeds and roast them for a healthy, tasty snack!





compost



Did you know that composting leaves at home enriches your soil and reduces greenhouse gas emissions?

Rather than blow your leaves into the street:

- Place them in your backyard compost bin
- Shred them and add them to flower beds or vegetable gardens
- Mulch them into your lawn
- Use a rake or, if needed, choose electric equipment instead of gas-powered mowers and blowers which are heavy polluters

Keeping leaves in La Grange utilizes this valuable natural resource and prevents pollution



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Compost

Did you know that the decomposition of food scraps in landfills creates methane, a potent greenhouse gas?

Rather than throw food scraps away:

- Set up a compost bin in your backyard
- Subscribe to La Grange's curbside program which sends your food scraps to a large-scale composting facility
- Use a worm bin to compost indoors (vermicompost) - great for apartments

A bonus of backyard composting is that you create a soil amendment that will nourish your plants and absorb stormwater!



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