

SEASONAL ORGANICS

TREE COMPOSTING

- Started in 2007
- Year-round program
- Curbside pick up occurs every odd month, alternating with heavy trash.
- Free drop-off for Houston residents occurs at six neighborhood depositories, six days a week
- Christmas trees can be dropped off at 24 locations between December 26 and January 31.

Tree waste

Month	2020	2021
Jan	5,226	5,310
Feb	305	385
Mar	6,604	8,477
Apr	564	576
May	13,504	1,035
Jun	607	856
Jul	6,187	5,465
Aug	673	595
Sep	6,237	8,218
Oct	417	708
Nov	5,001	506
Dec	406	374
Total	45,731	32,505

PUMPKIN COMPOSTING

- Started in 2022
- Inspired by our 2021 composting pilot project
 - Drop-off based program
 - It ran from October 20, 2021 to November 27, 2021
 - One day a week at three locations
 - Kashmere Gardens MSC & Houston Botanic Garden on Saturdays
 - Historic Heights Fire Station on Wednesdays
 - Two vendors donated their services



- To advertise the program we made social media graphics, physical fliers, and doorhangers
- We sent information to area schools, neighborhood groups, and block walked 2,000 houses
- We got some news coverage from Houston Public Media and the Houston Chronicle

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- BREAD & GRAINS
- COFFEE GROUNDS & FILTERS
- TEA BAGS (STAPLE REMOVED)
- DAIRY
- EGG SHELLS
- FRIED FOOD
- FREEZER-BURNED FOOD
- FRUITS & VEGETABLES
- MEAT & BONES
- MOLDY FOOD
- NUTS & SEEDS
- SEAFOOD & SHELLS

NON-EDIBLES:

- COMPOSTABLE UTENSILS
- COMPOSTABLE BAGS
- COMPOSTABLE CUPS
- FUR, HAIR, & NAIL CLIPPINGS
- NEWSPAPER
- OLD FLOWERS
- PAPER NAPKINS & TOWELS
- VEGETARIAN PET BEDDING
- WOOD ASH

*THESE ITEMS ARE SPECIFIC TO THE
DROP-OFF PILOT PROGRAM AND MAY
NOT BE ACCEPTED BY OTHER COMPOSTING
SERVICES.



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HOW TO COMPOST?

- This program is free for Houstonians!
- Grab a bucket or bag and start collecting your scraps!
- Separate out contaminants like produce stickers, metal, and plastic.
- Worried about the smell? You can keep items that spoil in the freezer until drop-off day. Use a compostable bag for easy disposal.
- On your composting day, drive up to a drop-off location with your compostable materials! Volunteers will empty out your bin and return it to you.
- Your waste will be composted, keeping it out of the landfill and returning nutrients to the soil!

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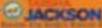
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- We ended up diverting a total of 14,551 pounds from the landfill!
- Something we noticed was the high number of pumpkins that were donated
- West U had run a similar pilot program the year before, and had given us a heads up that they noticed a similar trend when we had begun planning our own pilot
- However, we didn't really expect such a high number
- Although we didn't have the resources to continue the pilot program, we thought it might be possible for the city to collect leftover pumpkins this year

- And we could!
- The pumpkin drop-off ran from November 1-4
- Pumpkins were dropped off at the City of Houston Reuse Warehouse and are currently being composted on-site after being mixed with leaves and grass clippings
- Although we didn't do as much community outreach this time around, we had a lot of press interest from radio, TV, and newspapers
- Probably the more seasonal vibes?





In total, we collected
nearly 10,000
pounds of pumpkins!