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## 2024 Fall Yard Waste Collection

### For Immediate Release (10/2024)

Earthbound Environmental Solutions, the area's leader in sustainable waste management services, is pleased to announce our Special 2024 Fall Yard Waste Week will be occurring November 11th-15th, 2024.

Additionally, Earthbound is announcing a first of its kind Yard Waste pilot in collaboration with GFL Environmental, Inc. This pilot will initially focus on one geographic area in Altoona, South of US-12 between St. Andrews Dr. & Winchester Ln.

GFL customers will be notified via GFL communication of their eligibility, and will be offered up to five **free** bags of yard waste, which Earthbound will collect at the curb during the designated week above. Earthbound will accept additional bags as outlined below. To streamline the process for **pilot** participants, GFL will be responsible for overseeing the intake and payment processing, while Earthbound will facilitate the collection of material.

Earthbound Owners, Jamie and Zacharious Pappas, remarked; *We have seen how transformative it has been to reimagine the next generation of waste management systems. Over the past nine years the Earthbound team has worked tirelessly to develop the legislative, logistical, and operational infrastructure to make sustainable waste management, including Organics Recycling, a reality in our region. That said, partnerships within the industry could lead to greater participation in sustainable practices, reduce the burden on traditional haulers, and allow Earthbound to focus on delivering on our promise for a more sustainable tomorrow for our community and community members.*

### **Yard Waste Collection:**

Weekly yard waste and curbside compost collection is a flagship benefit offered to Earthbound's curbside subscribers who are signed up for standard garbage and recycling services. Traditionally, Earthbound has also offered fee based yard waste collection to non-subscribers. Given the nature of changes announced in the Spring of 2024, as well as Earthbound's processing capabilities, Earthbound has identified the continued need to expand its yard waste collection program in order to better serve residents in the affected areas.

Earthbound is pleased to offer curbside yard waste collection to **all service area residents** with a focus on aligning the Special 2024 Fall Collection with a timeframe that residents have been accustomed to for many years.



*Week of November 11th - 15th, 2024*

**Earthbound Subscribers:** Those participating in Earthbound's regular curbside services will be allowed to place up to 5 bags of yard waste at their curb, **free** of charge. Earthbound will accept additional bags at our subscriber reduced rate. Earthbound subscribers are encouraged to reference our [website](#) or recent email communication as it relates to details.

**GFL Customers (Pilot Region):** For GFL customers within the pilot region, Earthbound will collect up to 5 bags of yard waste for free during the designated week above. Earthbound will collect additional bags at a reduced rate, as long as prepayment is established through GFL. GFL customers with questions regarding the pilot or to schedule a pickup, should contact the local GFL office at (715) 669-3868.

**All pilot area participants need to contact GFL to schedule their pick-up, no later than 4pm on Thursday, November 7, 2024, to take advantage of this offer. All Yard Waste will be collected the week of November 11th-15th.**

**GFL Customers (Outside Pilot Region)-** For GFL customers outside of the pilot region *and* within Earthbound's immediate service area\*, Earthbound will collect an unlimited number of yard waste bags at a reduced rate, during the designated week above. Collections will need to be scheduled and pre-paid through the Earthbound office. Inquiries for general non-subscribers shall be directed to the Earthbound office @ [office@earthboundenviro.com](mailto:office@earthboundenviro.com) or (715) 952-5608.

**All participants will need to schedule and prepay through Earthbound no later than 4pm on Thursday, November 7, 2024, to take advantage of this offer. All Yard Waste will be collected the week of November 11th-15th. \*Earthbound staff will determine if your address is within our immediate service area at the time of contact.**

**General Non-Subscribers:** For residents within Earthbound's service area that are not utilizing Earthbound or GFL's service, Earthbound will continue to offer curbside collection of yard waste as a fee for service with no bag limit. Collection will need to be scheduled and pre-paid through the Earthbound office. Inquiries for general non-subscribers shall be directed to the Earthbound office @ [office@earthboundenviro.com](mailto:office@earthboundenviro.com) or (715) 952-5608.

***Earthbound requires that all yard waste be contained in a compostable bag (large brown paper bags most often used) as we will not collect yard waste in plastic bags. NO tape or ties shall be utilized to secure bags.***

**NOT ACCEPTED: Treated grass, animal waste &/or bedding, or dirt; including sod, lawn edging, dug up soil or soil from potted plants. Earthbound will also not collect bags that are excessively heavy or unmanageable by our staff.**

Earthbound is proud to meet Eau Claire County's waste management needs through our next generation program and services. Thank you for supporting local **and** sustainable!

*The Earthbound Team*

