



A Division of the Medina County Sanitary Engineer

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RE: 2018 Medina County Solid Waste District Yard Waste Manifests

Dear Customer of the Medina County Yard Waste Drop-Off,

Effective April 1, 2018, residents of Medina County will have to complete a Residential Yard Waste Drop-Off Manifest prior to depositing their lawn trimmings and brush at the Medina County Solid Waste District's Class IV Compost facility located at 8700 Lake Road, Seville. Residents can bring their source separated yard waste to the District's facility at no cost, but have to submit a completed manifest form to scale house personnel. Medina County's cities, villages and townships can also bring source separated yard waste to the District at no cost, but will need to complete a Residential Yard Waste Drop-Off Manifest for each load. Businesses, landscapers, lawn maintenance and tree service companies will be charged \$20.00/ton to drop-off their source separated yard waste.

This process is being implemented, due to a change in the Ohio compost markets. Identifying the source of the yard waste, and implementing a fee for businesses, mirrors practices being employed by area commercial yard waste recycling and composting facilities.

The change in the Ohio compost markets is due to the closing of a large mid-state paper mill. This paper mill utilized clean sawdust and wood chips from the lumber mill and tree clearing industries in Ohio for the purpose of paper manufacturing. When this paper mill closed, the generators of the sawdust and wood chips began to search for another outlet for their byproducts. These pristine materials started finding their way to compost and mulch producers throughout the state.

The clean sawdust and woodchips are being sold at a low per ton cost, or in some instances, provided at no cost, to compost and mulch manufacturers to ensure the movement of this material. The sawdust and wood chips are in a form that is immediately ready to be incorporated into the compost or mulch making process – no need to shred, grind and sort. Therefore, compost and mulch manufacturers have either discontinued using yard waste materials generated from drop-off programs or have begun charging for the management and processing of these materials.

If you have any concerns, please contact the Solid Waste District office at (330) 769-0289.

Sincerely,

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