Compost Your Halloween Pumpkins

New Bedford Residents Can Set Out Pumpkins with Yard Waste Give your Halloween pumpkin a second life.

Pumpkins can be set out on the curb during yard waste collection day; the day after trash and recycling collection. They can be placed with fall yard waste, such as leaves. Even if you do not have other yard waste, place pumpkins loose in a barrel (not a city cart) or in a paper yard waste bag and set it at the curb by 7 a.m.

Fall yard waste, including pumpkins, is collected separately and composted on the site of the Crapo Hill Landfill. There it will decompose and by spring it will become a high-nutrient, mulch-like soil that is used for landscaping and gardening.

For more information, call Marissa Perez-Dormitzer, District Recycling Coordinator, at (508) 979-1493.