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Prior Lake/SMSC Yard Waste Compost Site to Open May 10

The Prior Lake City Council approved a joint compost site initiative with the Shakopee Mdwakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) effective Saturday, May 10.

The City of Prior Lake and SMSC will work together to provide a yard-waste compost site where members of both communities can drop off leaves, grass clippings, brush and branches less than 8 inches in width.

The site will be open the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from May 10 through October, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The compost site is about a quarter mile northwest of the intersection of County Rd. 42 and County Rd. 83.

The facility will be largely self-service, but staff will be on hand to direct traffic and chip material. All yard waste must be removed from containers or bags. No containers or bags can be left on site.

If the right conditions are created, yard waste will become a valuable resource the City can financially and environmentally benefit from and will reinforce the 2030 Vision and Strategic Plan related to maintaining City property, parks, playfields and natural areas in an environmentally responsible and aesthetically pleasing manner. The initiative will also fulfill the objective of using environmentally-friendly fertilizers.

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Prior Lake is a developing suburb in north central Scott County with a small-town atmosphere and many recreational amenities including numerous parks and lakes that offer year-round recreation. With an estimated population of 22,000, the city is projected to be a fully-developed community of 40,000 by 2030. Prior Lake's 2030 Vision and Strategic Plan is dedicated to providing quality services resulting in a safe, secure community. Prior Lake is a wonderful place to call home.