

# RECYCLING NEWS

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Halloween and Thanksgiving are over. A decision will need to be made about the pumpkins and gourds. Time was spent picking out the perfect pumpkin and carving the perfect face. As the days grow shorter, the creativity fades and the pumpkins begin to decay and are thrown away. Approximately 1.3 billion pounds of pumpkins are disposed in the trash each year. That is 45,000 large dump trucks worth of pumpkins! What do we do with the pumpkins when they have served their purpose? Instead of tossing the fruit in the trash, consider an alternative!

- Farms can use pumpkins that are not rotten or moldy as feed for animals
- Place in a raised garden bed as compost or use in a compost pile
- Consider home composting systems to reduce food waste

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