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'Keep it green ... keep it clean'

West Jordan's green waste recycling program starts April 5

(West Jordan, UT) – For the last six years, the City of West Jordan has piloted a popular green waste collection program designed to keep grass, leaves and other compostable yard waste out of the landfill. This year's green waste collection begins April 5 and runs through Nov. 27.

"As soon as the snow melts, we start getting calls from residents wondering when green waste collection begins," West Jordan Mayor Melissa Johnson said. "It's a great program that not only helps residents maintain their yards but also extends the life of the landfill."

When the landfill is full, trash will have to be carried by truck or train to a remote disposal site and will cost considerably more than the current \$22 per ton residential fee. Recycling green waste will extend the life of the landfill five to 10 years. Green waste is also easy to recycle and mulches into compost that Trans-Jordan Landfill sells to the public for \$30 per ton.

The green waste recycling program got off to a rocky start – literally. Eighty percent of the loads collected in 2004, were contaminated with rocks, plastic bags, sod, cardboard and other garbage. But as residents have learned what is acceptable for green waste collection – grass clippings, leaves and tree trimmings – and have learned to not bag the waste so it falls freely from the can, the success rate has steadily improved.

The city also has a dumpster program where residents can come to the Public Works building, 8030 S. 4000 West, and reserve a dumpster for neighborhood cleanup projects. There is no charge for this service. Dumpsters are already booked through mid-May so plan accordingly and reserve early.

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