

# The Great Pumpkin Dropoff

Give those Jack-O-Lanterns a Dignified Demise  
back to the Earth

Thursday - Sunday, Nov. 5 to 8  
Truxtun Park

Don't put unwanted pumpkins in the trash, condemning them to the landfill! Bring them to the Great Pumpkin Dropoff at Truxtun Park! Next spring those nutritious pumpkins will have been turned into fantastic compost for your spring garden.

Collection bins will be conveniently set up just off the main road in Truxtun Park. Drive in & watch for signs.

Post photos of your pumpkins on social media with these hashtags:  
#AnnapolisGreenGreatPumpkinDropoff and #AnnapolisPumpkinsBacktoNature.

**\*\* Remove wax or paint from Jack-O-Lanterns. \*\***



**Pumpkin Spice Compost**  
by Lynne Forsman

Call me pumpkin or Jack-O-Lantern,  
And whichever the case,  
After I've been carved and illuminated,  
It's a proper end I hope to face.

At this time of year,  
I make harvest hearts sing.  
Pumpkin-orange everywhere,  
And Pumpkin Spice EVERYTHING!

Yet after my Halloween fun,  
Give me a dignified demise.  
If you don't bake me and eat me,  
Respectfully dispose of me, whatever the size.

Thanks to my friends at Annapolis Green,  
I'm hoping for the most...  
To come back and nourish your garden,  
As Pumpkin Spice Compost!



The Great Pumpkin Dropoff is part of nonprofit Annapolis Green's **HERE WE GROW** program, encouraging home gardeners to grow food with flowers, fed by compost rather than synthetic fertilizers, and without pesticides.



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