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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Anoka County Compost Sites Will Close for the Season November 30

Bunker Hills Site Will Re-Open Two Weekends in January

Anoka County's two compost sites, located in Bunker Hills Regional Park and Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park, will close for the season November 30 (or earlier if there is a significant snowfall that limits access to the sites). Both sites are closed Thanksgiving Day. However, the Bunker Hills compost site, located on Hanson Blvd. in Coon Rapids, one mile north of Main St., will re-open for two weekends in January to receive Christmas trees and evergreen garland (not heavily bound with wire), as well as other types of yard and tree waste. Acceptable yard and tree waste includes leaves, grass clippings, garden waste, weeds, brush, logs, and stumps.

There is a fee of \$4 per vehicle for debagged leaves, grass, and garden waste up to four cubic yards. An additional 50 cents per yard will be charged in excess of four cubic yards. There is a variable fee for tree waste disposal, depending on the size and amount of material. Keep yard waste separate from tree waste.

Bunker Hills Compost Site Special January 2012 Winter Hours

Saturday, January 7 and 14: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 8 and 15: Noon-4:30 p.m.

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Remove all wire from evergreen boughs and garland before bringing them to the compost site. Christmas trees should be free of tinsel, ornaments, wire, and stands. There is a \$1.50 charge per Christmas tree. Note: Most garbage haulers offer Christmas tree collection as part of their service. Some municipalities collect and chip Christmas trees for mulch. Contact your hauler or municipality for pickup information for your area.

Both the Bunker Hills and Rice Creek Chain of Lakes compost sites will re-open on **April 1, 2012** (weather permitting).

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