**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Knox County Compost Facility**

MOUNT VERNON, Ohio- The Knox County Compost facility, located at 7425 Thayer Rd is in the process of renovation that will include new fencing, an electronic gate and a camera security system to monitor the operation of the site. The purpose of this renovation is to provide access to residents for disposing of yard waste material 7 days a week and to monitor any illegal dumping that could result in contamination of the compost material during grinding.

The Compost Facility will be open every day, year-round and the hours will be as follows:

**Nov. 1 – Feb. 28th 7 am – 5 pm**

**Mar. 1 – Oct. 31st 7 am – 7 pm**

As a reminder, the only **accepted items** are:

* Grass clippings
* Leaves
* Shrubs and brush
* Tree limbs up to 10 inches in diameter
* Christmas trees without decorations

Items **not accepted** are:

* Tree trunks
* Limbs over 10 inches in diameter
* Food waste
* Lumber – treated or untreated
* Soil and sod
* Bales of straw

Any evidence of illegal dumping will be reported to the Knox County Sheriff’s Office.

Residents will be given access to free mulch that is left at the site; however, removal of the material must be done manually without the use of equipment.

Residents with questions on what can be recycled at the Compost Facility should visit [www.dkmm.org](http://www.dkmm.org) or call Matthew Baugher, Knox County Recycling and Litter Prevention at 740-393-6704.