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The Carroll County Solid Waste Management Commission will be hosting free compost give away days starting on Thursday, September 27 and ending on Saturday, September 29, 2018. Hours for pickup are 7:30 to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Residents will have a chance to pickup compost for use in their flower beds or vegetable gardens.

According to Mary Wittry, Director “the Commission sponsored several free compost days in 2016 and they were very successful”. The Commission accepts grass and leaves from residents free of charge. The grass and leaves are ground up and placed on a pile. The pile is turned on a regular basis. Eventually, the pile looks like black dirt.

The compost is used at the landfill as a soil amendment for new seeding projects. “The Commission has very favorable results with the compost and wants to promote the use of compost to residents”.

The free event is open to each household in Carroll County. Businesses are not allowed to participate in the event. Participants will proceed to the pickup area near the grass and leaf disposal area. Commission staff will load a pickup or small trailer. The compost is not bagged and is not certified. Each household can pick up one free load of compost.

Wittry stated that the event is first come, first serve or until the compost is gone. Questions call the recycling center at 792-5001 or email mwittry@carrollcountylandfill.com. Additional information can be found at www.westcentralsolidwaste.com.