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NEWS RELEASE

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The Chemung County Department of Public Works is pleased to announce the Compost Facility, located on Blostein Boulevard in the Village of Horseheads, will open to Chemung County residents at 9am on Thursday, April 23, 2020. Please note that due to COVID-19 concerns, there will be some changes in the operation of the Compost Facility:

- To practice appropriate Social Distancing, we will need to minimize interaction between employees and the public.
- A County employee will be posted at the entrance hut. Cars are to wait here until directed by the employee to move to a numbered unloading site. A photo will be taken of the vehicle registration rather than obtaining a signature. The employee at the hut will log all materials entering and leaving the facility.
- Numbered Unloading & Loading Areas will be setup for unloading of brush and vegetative material and the loading of compost and mulch.
- Unloading: 6 cars will be allowed in at a time for unloading. Staff will be unable to assist in unloading the vehicles. Sites that are full of material will be cleared by an employee who will remain in a front wheel loader.
- Loading: Driver will be directed to a loading site and will remain in the car. Our employee will load the trailer or pickup. If only a small amount of compost or mulch is desired, driver will be directed to exit the vehicle to get their own material.
- Variable Message Signs (VMS) will be located along the entrance drive to provide additional information to the public.

2020 Hours of Operation: (Closed on Sundays and Mondays):

Tuesday	9am to 5pm
Wednesday	9am to 3pm
Thursday	9am to 5pm
Friday	9am to 3pm
Saturday	8am to 1pm

The facility is open every year from the 3rd week of April through November (weather permitting).

Contractors and commercial enterprises cannot drop-off or remove material at the facility.

PLEASE - NO SMOKING, NO CHAINSAWS OR POWER EQUIPMENT.

Yard Waste Accepted:

- Grass
- Tree limbs and branches
- Leaves
- Flowers and garden vegetation
- Brush
- Hay

Items NOT Accepted:

- No Stumps
- No Fence posts
- No Concrete, asphalt, or bricks
- No Cinder blocks
- No Patio blocks
- No Rocks and boulders
- No Wood pallets or Wooden boards
- No Railroad ties
- No Dead animals
- No Food scraps
- NO GARBAGE OR TRASH

For more information call (607) 739-3896.

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Works**