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The Woodlands Township Pumpkin Smash sure to be a "smash" hit for all ages

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (October 18, 2022) – Residents are invited to the first ever, pumpkin smash event, hosted by The Woodlands Township Environmental Services Department, on Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Sterling Ridge Park and Ride, located at 8001 McBeth Way, The Woodlands TX 77382. This free event provides a fun and unique way for residents to dispose of their leftover Halloween pumpkins while also helping the environment.

Upon arrival, attendees can choose how to creatively smash their pumpkins. Catapult it and watch it fly, grab a baseball bat, and smash it to pieces, or watch it explode on impact from a 30-foot drop. The possibilities are endless!

There is no limit on the number of pumpkins you can bring to this event. Pumpkins can be carved or whole. Pumpkins painted with acrylic paints are accepted. Please remove any non-biodegradable materials, such as candles, stickers, googly eyes, and plastics prior to the event.

Pumpkin smash is guaranteed to be wildly entertaining for all ages. Staff and volunteers will be on hand to monitor safety and ensure that all participants are having a blast. Ghoulish pumpkin remains will be collected at the end of the event and taken to a local composting facility where they will be given new life as nutrient-rich compost.

Composting experts will be on site to share tips on how to start a backyard compost bin so residents can learn how to keep food waste out of the landfills at home.

Each year 1.3 billion pounds of pumpkins end up in U.S. landfills. That's a scary amount of food waste. Instead of putting your jack-o-lantern in the trash, bring it to the Pumpkin Smash!

Residents can recycle their leftover Halloween pumpkins at the pumpkin smash event on Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Sterling Ridge Park and Ride.