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MAYOR O'CONNELL ANNOUNCES TEMPORARY PILOT PROGRAM FOR YARD WASTE

Taunton, MA...Today Mayor O'Connell announced a temporary pilot program for Taunton residents to dispose of yard waste.

"We are enthused to announce the launch of this new pilot program. It will provide a service that is much needed to all of our residents here in the City," O'Connell stated.

When the landfill closed, the city was also faced with having to take over operations of the convenience center on East Britannia Street. The convenience center operation had to be completely restructured, and the City was unable to continue accepting yard waste.

Now Taunton residents will be able to drop off yard waste material each week at a new location. Residents can bring their yard waste to the former gas site property at 660 West Water Street, drive up the ramp and dispose of their waste directly into the dumpsters. The cost is \$2.50 per 32-gallon capacity paper bag or barrel with a minimum fee of \$10. Pricing for trucks and trailers will vary by capacity. Hyde Paving, Inc., based out of Taunton, will be collecting and disposing of all waste material.

"This will offer our residents an opportunity to dispose of their leaves, grass clippings, brush, twigs, mulch, garden waste, or even the prunings from their trees and shrubs weekly. They will not have to wait and watch it pile up. This will provide an easy disposal option," stated Jack Gaspar, owner of Hyde Paving, Inc.

Beginning September 5, the facility will be open on Saturdays from 7:30am – 3:30pm weather permitting and, if successful, is scheduled to run through December 12th, 2020. Cash and checks will be accepted.

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