



**DUPAGE  
COUNTY**

## ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Saba Haider, Chair  
Environmental Committee Members

FROM: Joy Hinz, Environmental & Sustainability Programs Manager

DATE: April 27, 2026

RE: International Compost Awareness Week Native Tree, Shrub and  
Compost Event May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

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In honor of International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) and Arbor Day, the Environmental Division is partnering with the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County and will be handing out native tree and shrub saplings and finished compost at the District's Native Plant Sale.

ICAW advocates for food scrap composting but also aims to educate the public about the benefits of compost. Using compost supports water conservation, reduces non-point source pollution, and promotes healthier plant life improving soil quality and reducing associated maintenance issues and costs.

[Forest Preserve's Native Plant Sale](#) at the DuPage County Fairgrounds.

May 15<sup>th</sup> 4- 7 pm  
May 16<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 2 pm

Species: Red Osier Dogwood, Fragrant Sumac, Nannyberry, Shumard Oak, American Plum and Bald Cypress.