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## **Delaware Solid Waste Authority to Offer Pay as You Throw Yard Waste Collection to Premium Curbside Customers**

**November 2, 2006** If you're like many Delaware residents, you may find yourself with bags and bags of yard trimmings each spring and fall. Leaves, grass clippings, weeds from the garden...all piled up at your curb to go out with your trash. Now the Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) has increased the size of its curbside recycling yard waste bags and implemented a "pay as you throw" yard waste program for its premium curbside recycling customers! Premium curbside customers currently pay \$9 per month for weekly pick up of recyclables and up to four bags of yard waste. Now, customers may purchase stickers to place on any bags of yard waste that exceed the four bag per week maximum, allowing for pick up of these additional bags! Stickers cost \$1 apiece and may be purchased through the DSWA Administrative Offices. Rich Von Stetten, DSWA's Senior Manager of Statewide Recycling, says, "DSWA is quite pleased to announce and implement this new program to our loyal curbside customers, and we hope to make it user friendly for all involved." Current premium curbside customers can expect to receive two complimentary stickers by mail in the next week.

While this change to the premium curbside program will be implemented statewide, it may be particularly useful for DSWA's New Castle County curbside customers, many of whom will be affected by a yard waste ban at Cherry Island Landfill after the first of the year. This ban will prevent yard waste from being landfilled at Cherry Island. It does not, however, prevent yard waste from coming *to* Cherry Island—yard waste that comes in clean and separate from trash is placed in a designated yard waste area, where it is mulched and used in a variety of ways.

To sign up for curbside recycling, purchase stickers, or to get more information about any of DSWA's programs, please call the Citizens' Response Line at 1-800-404-7080.