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NEWS RELEASE

Pumpkins available for local farmers and ranchers to feed livestock. Register today!

Durango, CO - Do you have livestock that enjoy eating pumpkins and other fruit? Do you have the ability to collect and/or transport pumpkins from one of our drop-off sites? If the answer to both these questions is yes, [register your interest](#) to partner with the City of Durango, Bear Smart Durango, CSU Extension Office and The Good Food Collective and receive pumpkins and other fruit donated by local residents.

The annual Pumpkin Drop-off will take place on Friday, 2nd November 12 pm - 6 pm and Saturday, 3rd November 9 am - 2 pm at [two locations](#):

- **La Plata County Fairgrounds**
2500 Main Ave., Durango, CO 81301
- **City of Durango Three Springs Police Substation**
545 Wilson Gulch Drive, Durango, CO 81301

To register interest in collecting pumpkins and other fruits, complete [this form](#) and return to Darrin.Parmenter@co.laplata.co.us by Friday, October 12th. Space and pumpkins will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis as forms are received. Stop by the City's booth at the Durango Farmers Market on 10/6 or the City's booth at Apple Days on 10/7 to sign up in person.

Residents will be asked to ensure that all candles and other decorations are removed prior to drop-off and volunteers will monitor the drop-off locations in order to minimize contamination.

The annual Pumpkin Drop-off provides residents with a sustainable option for disposing of Halloween gourds, while supporting local farmers. Donating pumpkins to feed livestock is a responsible alternative to leaving them on the porch to attract bears and other wildlife or tossing them in the trash.

For more information, please visit www.durangogov.org/sustainability or contact imogen.ainsworth@durangogov.org

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