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Going Green at the Pumpkin Show

CIRCLEVILLE, Ohio (Oct. 5, 2009) While many associate the color orange with the annual Circleville Pumpkin Show, event organizers hope attendees add green to the mix as the show implements recycling.

The Pumpkin Show will feature 150 recycling containers throughout the festival's footprint, with a higher concentration in the vending areas and along the parade routes. The 96-gallon wheeled carts are green and easily identified by the bright yellow lid with a hole cut in the top. Guests in attendance will be able to recycle the same items as they do at area recycling drop-off boxes, including:

- Plastic bottles #1-7
- Paper, such as programs, magazines and newspaper
- Cardboard boxes
- Aluminum and steel cans
- Glass bottles and jars

"This is a great opportunity for the Pumpkin Show and our community to do the right thing for our environment," said Gary Merkamp, district coordinator of the Ross-Pickaway-Highland-Fayette (RPHF) Solid Waste Management District. "We have a very successful recycling drop-off program, and we're excited to continue these efforts at the Pumpkin show."

"The Circleville Pumpkin Show is privileged to be able to work with The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the RPHF Solid Waste Management District, and Rumpke to bring recycling to the Pumpkin Show," said Barry Keller, vice president of the Circleville Pumpkin Show, Inc. "We hope this opportunity to recycle will be utilized by the large crowds that visit our great festival allowing us to reduce the amount we send to the landfill from the Pumpkin Show."

Event organizers are also engaging the vendors to recycle cardboard boxes.

"The vendors generate a large quantity of cardboard during set-up, clean-up and throughout the event, and we want to capture and recycle as much of it as possible," said Todd Wielinski, Rumpke operations manager.

Along with Rumpke and the RPHF, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources is supporting the recycling effort through a grant.

"We have seen a growing public interest in all aspects of resource conservation including recycling," said Sean Logan, ODNR Director. "We are proud to participate in this public private partnership, and the message of optimism it represents for the future of environmental stewardship in Ohio."

Rumpke Consolidated Companies, Inc. is one of the nation's largest privately owned, residential and commercial waste and recycling firms. Rumpke provides service to areas of Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and Indiana. The Rumpke business began in 1932, and its regional operations are located in Circleville and Columbus, Ohio.

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