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Did you Know...



Solid Waste Permits, Disposal Punch Cards, and Coupons can be purchased online : recycletopkins.org.



Tompkins Named Climate Smart Community

On June 20th, Tompkins County and the Town of Ithaca were recognized by Governor Cuomo and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) as Climate Smart Communities. The ceremony took place at the site of the upcoming centralized food scraps transfer station at the Recycling and Solid Waste Center in Ithaca. The new project is funded by a \$355,000 Climate Smart Communities grant and will contribute to an increase in the amount of food scraps diverted from the landfill, resulting in further greenhouse gas emission reductions. Looking to the future, Recycling and Materials Management Director Barbara Eckstrom said that Tompkins County serves “as a model for the rest of the state and other places in the country for a successful food scraps recycling system.”



TCRMM Director Barb Eckstrom speaks at the Climate Smart Communities ceremony.



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Uncovered Loads are Illegal

Transporting garbage, yard waste, or recyclables without a cover creates litter along roadways as unsecured items are blown off in the wind or fall off. Uncovered loads are a violation of New York State and Tompkins County Laws, and can result in steep fines. New York State Conservation officers may ticket transporters of uncovered loads upon entry to the Recycling and Solid Waste Center. Please report uncovered loads to Paul Cowles, Solid Waste Enforcement Officer at (607) 273-6632.



TCRMM Marches in Ithaca Fest Parade



Staff from Tompkins County Recycling and Materials Management marched as Food Scrap Recycling vegetables in the Ithaca Fest Parade alongside employees, friends, and family of Tompkins County. The centerpiece of the float was a giant birthday cake commemorating the County's Bicentennial.

Community Outreach

Look for us at these upcoming community events:

Newfield Old Home Days
July 29th

National Night Out
Conway Park, Ithaca
August 1st

Groton Free Community
Night
August 1st

Groton Old Home Days
August 26th



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates

July 15th

August 19th

October 21st

November 18th

Please register ahead of time and learn more at recycletompekns.org

Public Space Recycling Grows

TCRMM staff have worked with various local groups to install two new Public Space Recycling bins in 2017. The bins pair single-stream recycling and trash receptacles inside an attractive housing unit and allow members of the public to recycle on the go. The two newest bins are located outside of the Tompkins County Health and Human Services building on W. State Street/Martin Luther King Jr. Street and the Tompkins County Courthouse on North Tioga Street in downtown Ithaca. Public Space Recycling stations can also be found next to the Public Library on East Green Street and along the Cayuga Waterfront Trail in Stewart Park in Ithaca, and on Main Street in Trumansburg. The Department aims to install at least two more Public Space Recycling bins before the end of 2017. "An increasing number of communities are focused on expanding recycling opportunities to public settings such as streetscapes and parks, with the most successful offering options for both trash and recycling," says Nancy Webster, Waste Reduction and Recycling Specialist.



A new Public Space Recycling bin stands outside the Tompkins County Courthouse in Ithaca.

Rosie App Delivers On Becoming a ReBusiness Partner

The Rosie App allows customers to order the things they need online from a participating grocery store for delivery or in-store pickup. The thriving new business has offices located on North Tioga Street in downtown Ithaca and had approximately twenty employees when they began working with TCRMM. Rosie employees were already taking significant steps to reduce waste in the office, including collecting food scraps and reusing cloth towels. TCRMM staff conducted a waste assessment in the office and provided recommendations based on what they found. They also provided the office with new, recycling bins and improved signage advising employees how to sort their different waste items.



A Tompkins CRT volunteer watches over the Compost, Recycling, and Trash bins outside GIAC.

Tompkins CRT Starts Strong in 2017

Tompkins CRT (Compost, Recycling, Trash) started the year off strong with Ithaca Fest. The program works with festival organizers and volunteers to reduce waste and promote recycling at festivals in Tompkins County such as the Grassroots Festival of Music and Dance, and the Downtown Ithaca Alliance's Apple Harvest Festival. Congrats to our new coordinators and volunteers for a job well done! Learn more about the program and volunteering at RecycleTompkins.org/FestivalWasteReduction.

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