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New Food Scraps Recycling Drop Spot Opens in Danby

County's 13th Drop Spot to be Located at Town Hall

(Ithaca, NY) The Tompkins County Department of Recycling and Materials Management (TCRMM) is pleased to announce a Food Scraps Recycling Drop Spot will open later this month in partnership with the Town of Danby.

Beginning **Saturday, September 30th**, the drop spot will operate every Saturday from 9am to Noon behind the Danby Town Hall on Route 96B.

The program accepts all food scraps, including meat, bones, and dairy products, as well as paper towels and napkins.

This will be Tompkins County's 13th food scraps drop spot. "The goal is to have 20 by the year 2020, easily accessible to all County residents," said TCRMM Director Barbara Eckstrom. "It's proven to be a successful initiative, with approximately 220 tons of material collected at the drop spots in 2016."

"The program is growing in popularity," added Nancy Webster, a Waste Reduction and Recycling Specialist. "It offers a clean, comfortable, and convenient way for residents to expand their waste diversion options while reducing disposal costs."

The material collected is taken to Cayuga Compost in Trumansburg, where it's processed into compost and sold as a soil amendment.

Residents can pick up a free countertop caddy, transport container and compostable liners at the TCRMM office at 122 Commercial Avenue in Ithaca or at any Drop Spot.

For more information, including a complete list of drop spot locations and their hours of operation, visit www.recycletompkins.org.

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