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Drop Spot Program Expands

Three new Food Scraps Recycling Drop Spots opened in January, bringing the total number of Drop Spots to eleven. The new locations include:

- **Cass Park Ice Rink, City of Ithaca,**
Thursdays 3-5 PM
- **Trumansburg Village Public Works,**
Saturdays 9-Noon
- **Tompkins Co. Highway Dept.,**
Bostwick Rd in Ithaca, Saturdays 9-Noon



Attendants at the new Bostwick Rd. Drop Spot came dressed for the cold weather on January 7th, opening day.

These Drop Spots are designed to better serve residents on the western side of the County. So far, the new Drop Spots have had over 400 drops. Additional Drop Spots will open in 2017.

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Did you Know...
Disposable paper coffee cups and their lids can't be recycled. Choose reusable!



2017 HHW Dates

The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection drop off will be operating on the following dates in 2017:

- **April 15th**
- **May 20th**
- **July 15th**
- **August 19th**
- **October 21st**
- **November 18th**

Residents must have a valid solid waste permit and an appointment to attend an event. Visit recycletompkins.org for more details. Please schedule appointments online ahead of time.

We Have a New Name

After almost three decades, the Solid Waste Division is now the Department of Recycling and Materials Management! The name change comes as part of an amendment to the County Charter which eliminated the Department of Public Works and elevated its divisions (including Highway, Airport, Facilities, and formerly Solid Waste) to Department status.

Community Outreach

Look for us at these upcoming community events:

YMCA Healthy Kids Day

April 8th

Varna Earth Day

April 22nd

Compost Fair & 4H Duck Race

April 23rd

Ithaca Fest Parade

June 2nd



A club passing performance at Circus Culture.



Construction at the RSWC

Contractors continue to make much needed infrastructure improvements at the 21 year old Recycling and Solid Waste Center. So far, workers have completed repaving, and added a pull off area in front of the facility's office entrance to ease traffic flow. As of March, the deteriorating push walls are being replaced. These sturdy vertical surfaces are designed to assist in loading garbage from the tipping floor into a transfer trailer. Remaining work includes new siding, railings, doors, bird netting at the public drop-off and exterior



Contractors work to replace a push wall.

lighting. Work began last November and is expected to be completed later this spring. The RSWC is open at all times during the project, and we appreciate visitor's patience during the project.

Circus Culture Juggles the 4Rs of ReBusiness

Circus Culture, located in Press Bay Alley in downtown Ithaca, offers circus-themed classes, camps, performances, and parties for kids and adults. They are part of a growing worldwide circus education phenomenon, with programs that feature juggling, trapeze, tightwire, unicycling, tumbling, and much more. When the new business opened, the company immediately reached out to the ReBusiness Partners Program for a waste assessment. Our department took a comprehensive look at the processes for handling trash and recycling at the school and provided recommendations to improve on all aspects of the 4Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and ReBuy. ReBusiness Partners receive many free benefits, including free waste assessments, recycling bins, decals, signs, and more. Find out more about the program and how you can become a ReBusiness Partner at recycletopkins.org.

Climate Smart Communities Grant

The Department of Recycling and Materials Management was recently awarded a grant of \$355,000 through the New York Department of Environmental Conservation's Climate Smart Communities program. The three-year grant will fund modifications to the Recycling and Solid Waste Center including the addition of a 40x60 foot tipping pad to accept commercial food scraps. Creating a centralized transfer area for food scraps will streamline the process of transporting food scraps to Cayuga Compost in Trumansburg. "This addition will represent an important step in the County's waste reduction efforts that could provide licensed haulers with a low-cost opportunity to deliver source-separated food scraps," said TCRMM Director Barbara Eckstrom.

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