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Save the Date...

On Memorial Day (5/28) the Recycling and Solid Waste Center and Recycling and Materials Management Office will be closed.

Curbside recycling will be on a one-day delay that week.



Make HHW A Part Of Your Spring Cleaning

The Environmental Protection Agency considers leftover household products that can catch fire, react or explode in certain conditions, or are corrosive or toxic to be household hazardous waste (HHW). These products should not simply be placed in the trash or poured down the drain because they pose significant dangers to human and environmental health. They also shouldn't be stored indefinitely. They can pose risks to children and pets and should be monitored regularly for leaking. Take steps this year to dispose of your HHW properly at an HHW collection event at the Recycling and Solid Waste Center. A solid waste permit is required.



Clean Harbors workers sort paint for recycling.

2018 HHW Collection Events

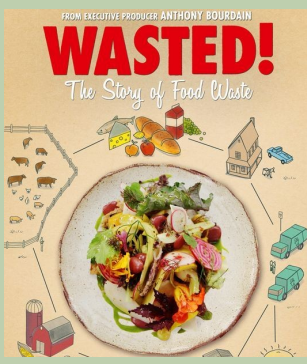
April 21st	August 18th
May 19th	October 20th
July 21st	November 17th

ReBusiness Partners Focus: Juniper Manor

Juniper Manor is a 40 unit apartment building that provides safe and affordable housing for seniors in Trumansburg. The building originally became a ReBusiness Partner in 2009. Staff conducted a re-assessment in early 2018 that examined practices for collecting single-stream recycling, additional recyclables, and food scraps. A report provided recommendations on how to improve these practices from a 4R (reduce, reuse, recycle, and rebuy) perspective, saving money and resources. The program also provided the building with new recycling bins, standardized waste sorting signs, and kitchen caddies for collecting food scraps in individual apartments. Would your business benefit from a free waste assessment? Contact Seth Dennis at sdennis@tom-pkins-co.org today to learn about becoming a ReBusiness Partner.



A view from the garden at Juniper Manor.



Screening April 11th at the Finger Lakes Environmental Film Festival.



Join us in welcoming Tim Shutts, longtime drop spot attendant, as the new Recycling Assistant at Recycling and Materials Management!

Community Outreach

Look for us at these upcoming community events:

YMCA Healthy Kids Day
April 7th

Agstravanza
April 14th

Compost Fair and 4H Duck Race
April 29th

“Wasted” Documentary

An estimated 40% of food goes to waste in the United States. In an effort to continue raising awareness about food waste and food waste prevention, Friendship Donations Network and Tompkins County Recycling and Materials Management will be hosting a free screening of “Wasted! The Story of Food Waste,” as part of the Finger Lakes Environmental Film Festival. The film is narrated by executive producer and celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain, and focuses on ways to reduce food waste while also creating tastier and more nutritious meals. The screening will be at 7 PM at Cinemapolis on April 11th.

Don’t Bag Your Recyclables

Curbside recyclables placed in plastic bags will not be picked up by collectors. Containing recyclables in this way prevents the materials inside from being sorted correctly at the facility. Also, the bags themselves are not accepted in single-stream recycling, as plastic film can slow down and damage sorting equipment. Instead of bagging your recyclables, place them at the curb in a recycling bin or container of your choice marked with an “R.” 18 or 22 gallon recycling bins are available for purchase at the TCRMM office.



2017 Annual Report Now Available

The Department of Recycling and Materials Management recently issued its 2017 Annual Report. The document contains valuable information about TCRMM's seven program areas - Disposal, Recycling, Recycling Collection, Waste Reduction, Old Landfills, Administration and Household Hazardous Waste. Among the highlights:

- Curbside recycling collection was offered to nearly 42,500 households and utilized by an estimated 3,000 small businesses in Tompkins County
- More than 14,700 tons of recyclable material was received and processed at the Recycling and Solid Waste Center (RSWC)
- Nearly 215,000 vehicles entered the RSWC
- Five additional food scraps drop spots were opened, bringing the total number to 13
- Office staff assisted nearly 13,000 customers through phone inquiries and in-person transactions

The Annual Report is available to download from our website at: www.recycletompkins.org/About-Mission

Outreach and Presentations



In an effort to continually reach Tompkins County residents, Recycling and Materials Management staff conducts outreach at over two dozen community events per year, in addition to providing tours and presentations to various groups. The department is currently accepting requests for presentations to community organizations, clubs, and civic groups. Contact Jeremy Betterley at jbetterley@tompkins-co.org for scheduling.

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