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New Food Scraps Recycling Drop Spot Opens in Newfield

Open Thursdays at Town Hall Beginning June 28th

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

The drop spot, staffed by an attendant, will operate every **Thursday** from **4pm to 6pm** in front of the Newfield Town Hall at 166 Main Street beginning **June 28th**.

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

“This will be our 14th drop spot,” said TCRMM Director Barbara Eckstrom, ”and the first to be located in the southwest portion of Tompkins County. Our goal remains 20 spots by the year 2020.”

“Recycling food scraps offers a clean, comfortable and convenient way for residents to expand recycling opportunities while reducing disposal costs,” added Waste Reduction and Recycling Specialist Seth Dennis. “We want to thank the town of Newfield for their part in helping grow this program.”

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

TCRMM staff will be on hand Thursday, June 21st from 4pm to 6pm at the Town Hall and Friday, June 22nd from 11am to 1pm at the Covered Bridge Market to distribute free caddies, transport containers and compostable liners to those wishing to participate. The toolkits will also be available at the 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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