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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- New Curbside Guidelines
- Newfield and East Hill Drop Spots
- Food Scraps Transfer Building Construction
- Website Gets New Look
- New ReBusiness Partners: Ithaca Voice and Forty Weight Coffee

## Did You Know...



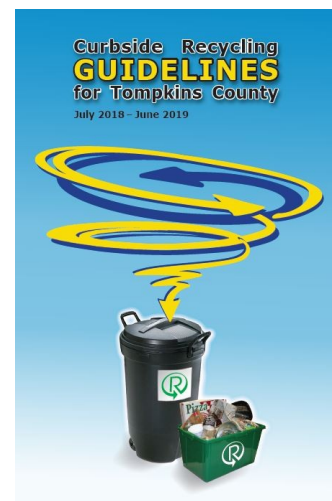
*Glass containers must be green, brown or clear to be recycled. Other colors have dyes and coatings that make the glass non-recyclable.*



## New Curbside Guidelines Highlight Changes

The new curbside recycling guidelines brochure is now available at the Recycling and Materials Management office, several stores, all municipal offices in Tompkins County, and at [recycletompkins.org](http://recycletompkins.org). The brochure provides all the information residents need to know to recycle properly at the curb and use the various drop off areas at the Recycling and Solid Waste Center. It also includes the curbside pickup calendar from July 2018 through June 2019.

The brochure includes new rules for plastic recycling. In an effort to clean the recycling stream, eliminate contamination, and adapt to changes in recycling markets, only plastics marked with a number 1, 2, or 5 will be accepted. Unmarked rigid plastics may be brought to the Recycling and Solid Waste Center's Rigid Plastics drop-off area if they are accepted. As a reminder, plastic bags and film are NOT accepted at the curb, and recyclables should never be contained in plastic bags. We would like to thank residents for adapting to the upcoming plastic recycling changes and for making the effort to recycle right for many years.



## New Food Scraps Drop Spots

Spring 2018 saw two new additions to the weekly Food Scraps Recycling Drop Spot schedule. Residents can now stop by the East Hill Plaza drop spot location during the farmers market (seasonally) on Wednesday nights from 4 to 6pm. The new hours offer a weekday alternative to the popular Saturday 11am to 2pm hours at the same location. A new drop spot also opened at the Newfield Town Hall, and takes place on Thursdays from 4 to 6pm. The Department of Recycling and Materials Management would like to thank the Town of Newfield and the Ithaca Farmers Market for partnering in this effort to expand food scraps recycling opportunities for residents.



## Work Begins On Food Scraps Transfer Building

Elmira Structures, Inc. will begin construction of a new food scraps transfer building at the Recycling and Solid Waste Center this summer. Supported by a \$355,000 New York Department of Environmental Conservation Climate Smart Communities Grant, the project will include the replacement of an existing storage building with a pre-fabricated metal building designed to accept food waste. Calling it a logical next step for the food scraps recycling program, TCRMM Director Barbara Eckstrom says "Having a centralized transfer building to accept commercial food scraps at our facility in Ithaca will serve to encourage further diversion efforts."

## Holiday Closings

*The Recycling and Materials Management office and Recycling and Solid Waste Center will be closed:*

**July 4th**

**September 3rd**

*Curbside recycling pick up will be one day late for the remainder of each holiday week. Drop Spots closed July 4th.*

## Upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Dates

**July 21st**

**August 18th**

**October 20th**

**November 17th**

*A valid solid waste permit and an appointment are required to attend.*

## Community Outreach

*Look for us at these upcoming community events:*

**Newfield Old Home Days**  
July 28th

**National Night Out**  
August 7th

**Groton Old Home Days Parade**  
August 25th

## New Look, New Tools for RecycleTompkins.org

[Recycletompkins.org](http://Recycletompkins.org) has been updated with a new look and tools designed to make proper recycling easy and convenient for all residents. The new “Find My Recycling Day” and “What Do I Do With” applications will help residents learn when and what to recycle with the option of creating a personalized collection calendar and setting up automated curbside pick up day reminders. The new website was developed by Flourish Design Studio in Ithaca.



New Public Space Recycling bins were recently installed at the Wood Street skate park and the GIAC basketball courts in Ithaca.

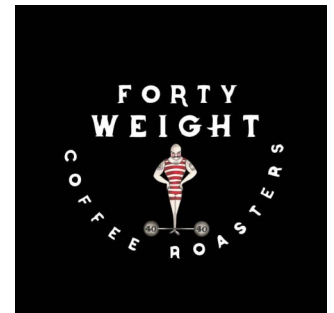
## Borrow-A-Bin To Recycle At Your Event

Collecting recyclables can be a challenge at large events, but the Borrow-A-Bin program is here to help. This free service aims to maximize waste diversion at events in Tompkins County by loaning up to 20 recycling bins to local events, large and small. The bins are portable, have clearly marked signage, and come with a limited number of ClearStream bags that allow attendees to see what’s being accepted. More information and a bin request form can be found under “Other Programs and Services” at [recycletompkins.org](http://recycletompkins.org)



## ReBusiness Spotlight: Ithaca Voice and Forty Weight Coffee Roasters

The Department of Recycling and Materials Management would like to welcome two new businesses to the ReBusiness Partners program—The Ithaca Voice and Forty Weight Coffee Roasters. The Ithaca Voice, an online-only news and information site, offers a free and independent source of journalism to Ithaca and Tompkins County. Founded in 2010, Forty Weight Coffee Roasters produces a wide variety of high quality coffees from their roastery and coffee lab in Ithaca in addition to operating a mobile pop-up coffee shop. These businesses recently contacted us to schedule free waste assessments in an effort to reduce waste, increase recycling and composting, and adopt green purchasing practices. ReBusiness Partners receive a wide variety of benefits—learn more about the program and how your business can join today at [recycletompkins.org](http://recycletompkins.org).



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