Curbside Recycling Guidelines

for Tompkins County

What's Accepted at the Curb

Cardboard & Mixed Paper

Clean pizza boxes, cereal boxes, newspaper, mail, magazines, office paper, paperback and hardcover books

Paper Cartons & Drink Boxes Milk, juice, and soup boxes

Plastics marked #1, #2, #5

Glass Containers

Clear, green, & brown food and beverage containers

Metal Cans & Foil

Aluminum foil and pie plates, food cans, and empty aerosol cans from food and cosmetic products



Additional Recyclables

Accepted at Recycling and Solid Waste Center Drop-off Area:

- Batteries lead acid and rechargeable
- Electronics
- Televisions and Monitors*
- Fire extinguishers
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
- Fats, oils, grease (FOG) from cooking
- Food scraps
- Freon® and coolant units*
- Rigid plastics**
- Plastic bags & film**
- Propane tanks
- Scrap metal
- Textiles & clothing
- (clean, dry and odorless) Tires*
- Yard waste*
- * A solid waste permit and fee are required for these items. Items are subject to change without notice.
- ** See www.recycletompkins.org for a list of acceptable items

Food Scraps



Save money and reduce waste by recycling your food scraps free of charge at Drop Spots across Tompkins County.

Drop Spots Include:

- Brooktondale Community Center
- Cayuga Compost
- Cayuga Heights Village Office
- Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Danby Town Hall
- Dryden Town Highway Dept.
- East Hill Plaza

- Groton Town Clerk's Office
- Hancock & 5th Street, Ithaca
- Lansing Village Office
- Newfield Town Hall
- Recycling and Solid Waste Center
- Tompkins County Highway Dept.
- Trumansburg Village Public Works

Visit www.recycletompkins.org/dropspots for hours.

NOT SURE WHETHER AN ITEM CAN BE RECYCLED?

Search for it using the "What Do I Do With...?" feature at www.recycletompkins.org

Curbside Pickup Schedule

Recycling collection is provided at the curb for County residents every other week. Refer to the table below to find your pick-up day. The calendar below shows green shaded and non-shaded weeks through June 2021.

Set out recycling by 6:00 am on your scheduled day unless otherwise noted. Late setouts will not be collected until the next scheduled pick-up day. Visit

www.recycletompkins.org to sign up for automatic reminders via phone, email, or text. Residents can also bring their recyclables to the Recycling and Solid Waste Center at no charge.

Please Note: Collection vehicles are equipped with GPS tracking to monitor and verify service times. For safety and identity purposes, only County-licensed haulers are permitted to collect items placed at the curb. - Chapter 140-7 of Tompkins County Code.



Don't MISS your RECYCLING DAY again!

Sign up for automatic reminders via phone, email, text, or with your favorite calendar app.

Non-Shaded Weeks

CITY OF ITHACA

Set out by 4:00 am. Visit www.recycletompkins.org or call 273-6632 for pick-up day.

TOWNS

Caroline	Monday
Danby	Monday
(excluding West Danby)	_
Dryden	Thursday
North of and including Rte.	13
Groton	N ednesday
West of Rte. 38	_
Ithaca	Friday
West of Rte. 96B	
Newfield	Tuesday
West Danby	Tuesday

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Shaded Weeks

RECYCLING AND

OF TOMPKINS COUNTY

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

TOWNS	
Dryden	Thursday
South of Route 13	

Enfield Friday Groton Wednesday East of and including Rout. 38

Ithaca Tuesday East of and including Route 96B Lansing Monday

VILLAGES

Groton...... Wednesday

UlyssesFriday

= **HOLIDAYS** There is no collection on these days. All pickups will be one day later for the rest of the holiday week.

Schedule subject to change. In the event of severe weather, collection may be delayed. For updated information visit www.recycletompkins.org.

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Single Stream Recycling

Before they go in the bin:

- **€** Empty all containers.
- **ℰ** Rinse containers of residue.
- **ઇ** Lids, labels, neck rings, and caps on containers are OK.
- Staples in office paper or envelopes are OK.
- **€** Flatten all cardboard boxes.



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When in Doubt, Keep it Out

These Items Don't Belong in Your Recycling



- COMPOSTABLE DISPOSABLES
- CONTAINERS FROM HAZARDOUS
- DRINKING GLASSES, PYREX®, OR COFFEE POTS
- ELECTRONICS/APPLIANCES





- PADDED ENVELOPES
- PAPER TOWELS, NAPKINS, CUPS & TISSUES
- PLASTICS #3, #4, #6, #7, OR UNMARKED
- PLASTIC BAGS OR FILM
- PVC PIPE

- RIGID PLASTICS
- STYROFOAM®
- SYRINGES
- TEXTILES/CLOTHING
- TRASH (I.E. FOOD, METAL, WOOD, DIAPERS)

Don't see an item above? Find the proper disposal method at recycletompkins.org



SEARCH

Recycle Right in Tompkins County

Single Stream Recycling

Paper, glass, metal and plastic containers go in one recycling bin.

Recycling Bin Options:

1. County green recycling bin

 Bins (18 or 22 gallon size) can be purchased at the Tompkins County Recycling and Materials Management office.



2. Use a recycling container of your choice

- Size: Up to 50 gallons.
- Weight: Up to 40 pounds when full.
- Container may have wheels and a lid.
- Mark your container with an "R" decal.
 (Decals are available for free at the TCRMM Office, the
 Public Drop-Off Area of the Recycling and Solid Waste
 Center, all food scraps drop spots and municipal offices,
 as well as several other locations).



To prepare your recyclables:

- **ఆ** Empty all containers and rinse out residue.
- Place your recycling bin at the curb no later than **6:00 am** on your scheduled collection day (**4:00 am** in the City of Ithaca).
- Put "R" decals on both side of your recycling bin parallel to the road so the collector can see it.
- Flatten cardboard. If it does not fit in your recycling bin, place next to the bin in stacks no more than 4' x 4' x 4'.
- **DO NOT** put plastic bags in your recycling bin or leave items in a plastic bag for pick up. **They will not be collected.**

If your recycling is picked up on the same day as your trash, place your bin at least 2 feet from your trash so the collector can easily see your recycling bin.

REJECTION

Recycling bins with **unacceptable items** will receive a red "Rejected" sticker and the contents of the bin **will not be collected.**

Donate Working Items



Finger Lakes ReUse, Inc.

Accepting quality reusable building materials, furniture, housewares, electronics and more. Donations are tax deductible.

TWO LOCATIONS!

Ithaca ReUse Center 214 Elmira Road

Triphammer ReUse Center 2255 N. Triphammer Road

More info at (607) 257-9699 or www.ithacareuse.org

Household Hazardous Waste



Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is material that must be handled and disposed of properly due to dangers it poses to our health and the environment.

Visit www.recycletompkins.org/hhw for drop-off event dates and to register in advance, or call the TCRMM office. A solid waste permit is required.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

www.recycletompkins.org \bullet 607-273-6632

Tompkins County Recycling and Materials Management: 122 Commercial Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14850 Monday-Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm Recycling and Solid Waste Center: 160 Commercial Avenue, Ithaca NY 14850 Monday-Saturday 7:00am - 3:30pm