



4R Times

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- REBUSINESS GETS A REBOOT
- RECYCLING CENTER SURVEY
- HHW
- FOOD SCRAPS TOOLKITS
- SHOP ONLINE
- PLEASE WEAR MASKS

Did You Know...

Recalled hand sanitizer should be brought to Household Hazardous Waste events.



ReBusiness Gets a Reboot

Since 2008, The Tompkins County ReBusiness Partners program has supported over 250 Tompkins County businesses and organizations with reducing waste and saving money through 4R (reduce, reuse, recycle, and rebuy) practices. The program has now been updated to meet the ever-evolving needs of businesses of all sizes and allow for remote consultations in light of the coronavirus pandemic.



“Becoming a ReBusiness Partner starts with completing a waste assessment and receiving assistance to streamline waste handling, examine reuse practices, and codify green purchasing” said Nancy Webster, Waste Reduction and Recycling Specialist. “Staff will help businesses address any waste management headaches at their business, acquire bins and signage, and implement a uniform recycling system throughout their location.” New ReBusiness Partners will also be featured on the Department of Recycling and Materials Management’s website and social media platforms in recognition of joining the program. Interested businesses should inquire about the program using the [Contact Us](#) page at recycletompkins.org or calling the Recycling and Materials Management office at (607) 273-6632.

Visit RecycleTompkins.org/ReBusiness to learn more.

Take the Recycling Center Survey

The Tompkins County Department of Recycling and Materials Management has created a short survey to collect feedback from users of the Recycling and Solid Waste Center. The survey is hosted using POLCO, an online civic engagement platform. It takes less than five minutes to complete, and results will be used to improve services at the facility.

How are we doing?



We've created a **short survey** to gather feedback from users of the Recycling and Solid Waste Center.

Your input is valued, and will help us improve our services.



To respond to the survey, visit polco.us/s597c9 on an internet-connected computer or mobile device. Users will be required to quickly and easily create a POLCO account, which helps to ensure the accuracy of the survey. For users without access to the internet, paper surveys will be made available at the Recycling and Solid Waste Center information kiosk and in the Recycling and Materials Management office. The survey period has already begun, and ends on October 15th. Please take a few moments of your time to share your feedback.

Holiday Closings

Indigenous Peoples' Day
Office closed 10/12.

Veterans Day
Office closed 11/11.

Thanksgiving
Office closed 11/26-27.
RSWC closed 11/26.
No curbside collection 11/26, one day delay for remainder of week.

Find Your Recycling Day

Go to recycletompkins.org and type your address into the "Find My Recycling Day" tool.

HHW Events

Upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Dropoff Events:

October 17th
November 21st

Sign up for an appointment at recycletompkins.org

Masks Required.

Get Your Punch Cards in the Mail



Do you need to get a new solid waste permit, request a replacement permit, or purchase yard waste coupons and punch cards? Save yourself a trip to the Recycling and Materials Management Office by using the Shop Online page at RecycleTompkins.org/shop. Your order will be promptly sent by mail.

Two HHW Events Left In 2020

So far, 2020 has turned out to be a good year for Household Hazardous Waste collection, with two more events scheduled before the end of the year. More than 800 households participated in the first four events, disposing of large amounts of hazardous materials like paint and pesticides in an environmentally responsible manner.



There are just two more Household Hazardous Waste drop-off events scheduled to take place before the end of the year, on October 17th and November 21st. A valid solid waste permit and appointment are required to attend. Learn more and sign up at recycletompkins.org/hhw

Please Wear Masks

We'd like to remind users of the Recycling and Solid Waste Center, Food Scraps Recycling Drop Spots, and our office that masks covering both the mouth and nose must be worn at all times. A simple cloth face mask helps prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus by people who may be contagious but do not know it yet.

In the words of Tompkins County Public Health Director Frank Kruppa, "My mask protects you, your mask protects me."

Food Scrap Caddies are Free



Kitchen caddies and compostable liners for the Food Scraps Recycling Drop Spot program are free for County residents—stop by a drop spot to get yours! Transport containers are also available for \$12 from the Recycling and Materials Management office.

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