JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022

Curbside Recycling Guidelines for Tompkins County

What's Accepted at the Curb

Cardboard & Mixed Paper
Clean pizza boxes, cereal boxes, mail, newspaper, magazines, office paper, and paperback books

Paper Cartons & Drink Boxes
Milk, juice, and soup boxes including Tetra Pak® cartons

Plastics
Plastics marked #1, #2, #5 including yogurt cups, milk jugs, and detergent bottles

Glass Containers
Clear, green, and 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*
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
- Fats, oils, grease (FOG) from cooking
- Food scraps
- Freon® and coolant units*
- Rigid plastics**
- 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

DID YOU KNOW?
The materials we collect for recycling in Tompkins County are transformed into new items like paper products, bicycles, and clothing?

RECYCLING AND MATERIALS MANAGEMENT OF TOMPKINS COUNTY

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 2022.

Set out recycling by 6:00 am on your scheduled day unless otherwise noted. Late set-outs 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.

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 ..... Wednesday
West of Rte. 38
Ithaca ..... Friday
West of Rte. 96B
Newfield ..... Tuesday
West Danby ..... Tuesday

VILLAGES
Cayuga Heights ..... Friday
(set out by 7:30 am)
Dryden ..... Thursday
Freeville ..... Friday
Lansing ..... Wednesday
Trumansburg ..... Wednesday

Shaded Weeks

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
Ulysses .....Friday

VILLAGES
Groton..... Wednesday

= HOLIDAYS
There is no recycling 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.

2021

July

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2022

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June

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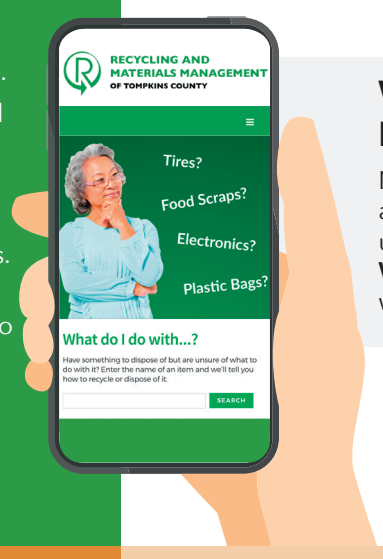
Single Stream Recycling

Before materials go in the bin:

- Empty all containers.
- Rinse containers of residue.
- Lids, labels, neck rings, and caps on containers are OK.
- Staples in office paper or envelopes are OK.
- Flatten all cardboard boxes.
- Items must be no smaller than 2 square inches and no larger than a 5 gallon pail.



What do I do with...?

Not sure what to do with an item? Search for it using the **What Do I Do With...?** tool at www.recycletompkins.org

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When in Doubt, Keep it Out

These Items Don't Belong in Your Recycling

- COMPOSTABLE DISPOSABLES
- CONTAINERS FROM HAZARDOUS WASTE
- DRINKING GLASSES, PYREX®, OR COFFEE POTS
- ELECTRONICS/APPLIANCES
- HANGERS
- ICE CREAM CARTONS AND FROZEN FOOD PACKAGING
- 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 method at recycletompkins.org

What do I do with...? SEARCH

Recycle Right in Tompkins County

Single Stream Recycling

Paper, glass, metal and plastic containers go in the same 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:

- 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.

For a list of locations and hours of operation, visit www.ithacareuse.org or call (607) 257-9699

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 • 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