

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

### DID YOU KNOW?

RECYCLING AND MATERIALS MANAGEMENT OF TOMPKINS COUNTY



## Curbside Recycling Guidelines for Tompkins County

JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022

Search for it using the "What Do I Do With..." feature at [www.recycletompkins.org](http://www.recycletompkins.org)

### NOT SURE WHETHER AN ITEM CAN BE RECYCLED?

Visit [www.recycletompkins.org/dropspots](http://www.recycletompkins.org/dropspots) for hours.

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

#### Drop Spots Include:

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



### Food Scraps

\* A solid waste permit and fee are required for these items. Items are subject to change without notice.  
\*\* See [www.recycletompkins.org](http://www.recycletompkins.org) for a list of acceptable items

- 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\*

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



### Additional Recyclables

- 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 marked #1, #2, #5 including yogurt cups, milk jugs, and detergent bottles
- Glass Containers
- Clear, green, and brown food and beverage containers
- Aluminum foil and pie plates, food cans, and empty aerosol cans from food and cosmetic products



### What's Accepted at the Curb

## 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](http://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.

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](http://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](http://www.recycletompkins.org).

## 2021

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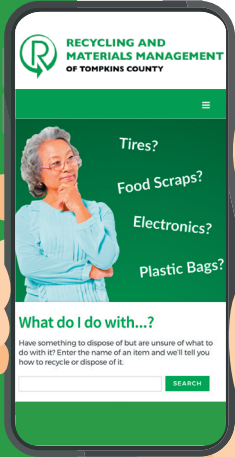
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# Single Stream Recycling

## 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](http://www.recycletompkins.org)



#### Metal Cans & Foil

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



#### Cardboard & Mixed Paper

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



#### Plastic Containers

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



#### Paper Cartons & Drink Boxes

Milk, juice, and soup boxes including Tetra Pak® cartons



#### Glass Containers

Clear, green, and brown food and beverage containers

## 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](http://recycletompkins.org)

SEARCH

## Recycle Right in Tompkins County

### Single Stream Recycling

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

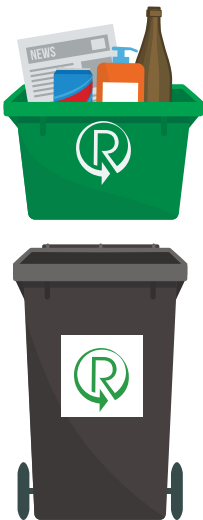
#### Recycling Bin Options:

##### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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