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## Did you know?



Small CFL lightbulbs can be recycled at most large hardware stores.



## Glass Collection Off to a Great Start

A new drop off area for source separated glass containers opened at the Recycling and Solid Waste Center in May. Because glass bottles and jars collected at the drop off are separate from other materials and with a higher degree of purity they can be recycled into new bottles and jars. This is a great option for residents that want their material to go to the best possible end use.

The drop off area accepts all colors of glass bottles and jars, and labels are okay. Please note that Pyrex, drinking glass, ceramics, window glass, and hazardous waste containers are not accepted, and lids should be removed. A small amount of contamination can spoil large amounts of material.

Residents who don't want to participate in the drop off are still encouraged to include glass containers in their single stream recycling set out. Glass collected curbside is used for landfill cover.

After two months, the clean glass roll off container is full of nearly 20 cubic yards of glass (approximately 7 tons) and will soon be hauled to a TOMRA facility for color sorting followed by delivery to bottle manufacturing facilities in Elmira Heights and Auburn.



*The Glass Recycling Drop Off is located in the Electronics Plus drop off area.*

## Tburg Farmers' Market Drop Spot Opens

This Spring, TCRMM worked with the Trumansburg Farmers' Market to set up a drop spot that coincides with the market's hours of operation. The drop spot is open May through October every Wednesday from 4:30-7:30pm.

"The new drop spot hours provide a great opportunity for residents to recycle their food scraps while also enjoying the market's strong sense of community" said Barb Eckstrom, Director. "Now they can pick up local produce, hear live music, and drop off their food scraps in one trip!"



The Food Scraps Recycling program provides free kitchen caddies and compostable liners to all residents who want to get started. These are available from the Recycling and Materials Management Office, and any drop spot. Contact Waste Reduction and Recycling Coordinator Jeremy Betterley for more information at [jbetterley@tompkins-co.org](mailto:jbetterley@tompkins-co.org).

## Holiday Closings

Labor Day  
September 5th

RSWC and Office closed. Curbside recycling collection on one day delay.

## Waste Reduction Tips:

*Buying in bulk can save money and reduce packaging, but only if you use all of the product.*

*For fresh produce, try buying just the amount you need.*

## HHW Events

August 20th  
October 15th  
November 19th

Sign up at  
[RecycleTompkins.org/HHW](https://RecycleTompkins.org/HHW)

# Paintcare Comes to New York

In 2019 New York State passed a law setting up PaintCare as a paint stewardship program for New York. Product stewardship programs and laws use funding from manufacturers to improve the recycling and handling of specific materials, and the program is now available throughout the state. PaintCare offers drop-off sites and pickup services, and now covers much of the cost of paint collection at Tompkins County Household Hazardous Waste events. Visit [PaintCare.org](https://PaintCare.org) for more information.



Paint conservation tips from Recycle Right New York.

## New Curbside Guidelines Available

The Department released new curbside recycling guidelines for Tompkins County covering the period of July 2022 through June 2023. The brochure includes all the info residents need to sort and set out their recyclables correctly and at the right time, with a collection schedule, a handy “What goes in the bin?” page, curbside recycling directions, and more.

Looking for a copy? Brochures are available at the Recycling and Materials Management Office, the Recycling and Solid Waste Center, municipal offices, and most grocery store service desks. They can also be found online at [RecycleTompkins.org/curbside](https://RecycleTompkins.org/curbside).



## Paving Completed at RSWC

The paving project scheduled for this spring and summer has now been completed at the Recycling and Solid Waste Center and the Recycling and Materials Management Office. The new paving covers all of the roadways and drop off areas used by customers and haulers, parking spaces, and crosswalks.

“We’d like to thank users of the facility for their patience as the paving project was carried out over the past few months,” said Leo Riley, Deputy Director. “These kinds of maintenance projects are important for keeping driving and walking surfaces safe for the public and employees.”