



4R Times

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Rethinking Waste outlines path for sustainable material management

The Draft Local Solid Waste Management Plan, *Rethinking Waste in Tompkins County: Fostering a Local Circular Economy*, outlines a path towards sustainable materials management over the next decade.

This draft plan emphasizes 4R strategies, encompassing initiatives for waste reduction, reuse, recycling, organics management, and rethinking waste, while ultimately decreasing disposal.

This plan is available online at recycletopkins.org.

One print copy is available for public

review at the Tompkins County Public Library (TCPL), located at 101 E. Green St. in Ithaca. On Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. a public meeting will be held in the BorgWarner Room of TCPL. TCRMM will present an overview of the draft plan and hear public feedback.

Written comments will be received until August 7, 2023, by email to rethinkingwaste@tompkins-co.org or mailed to Leo Riley, Interim Director, TCRMM, 122 Commercial Ave., Ithaca, NY, 14850. Kindly provide your contact info, including municipality, when submitting comments.

Enfield Drop Spot open Saturdays

A new food scraps recycling drop spot opened in Enfield on May 6th. Located at the Town Clerk's Office on Enfield Main Rd, the drop spot is open from 9-11 a.m. every Saturday. This brings the number of drop spots to 18, with at least one drop spot in every Town and City in Tompkins County. The new drop spot is located right down the street from the Enfield Food Distribution Center, which is also open 9-11 a.m. on Saturdays.

Dropping off food scraps is free and a great way to reduce trash and save money on disposal. Free kitchen caddies are available at drop spots and the TCRMM office. More information can be found at RecycleTompkins.org/dropspots.

CHECK IT OUT!

Our Enfield Food Scrap Recycling Drop Spot is now open!

and we've added hours to the farmers' market drop spots in Trumansburg and East Hill!

full schedule at
recycletopkins.org/dropspots

Holiday Closings

Labor Day Monday, Sept. 4

- Office CLOSED
- RSWC CLOSED

***No curbside recycling collection on Labor Day. Curbside recycling will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 8, and will operate on a one-day delay for rest of week.**

HHW Events

JUL. 15

AUG. 19

OCT. 21

NOV. 18

(Appointment required)

RecycleTompkins.org/HHW

Director Barb Eckstrom Retires

Director of Recycling and Materials Management Barbara Eckstrom retired in April after a career of rewarding service to the Tompkins County community. Since the late 80s, Eckstrom worked to close Tompkins County's outdated landfills, implement recycling programs and the pay-as-you-throw system, develop successful programs for food scraps recycling, reuse and much more. She is looking forward to spending her retirement in Colorado with her husband Dean and their dog Shasta. She plans to visit the Ithaca area to visit family and friends in nice weather. Former Deputy Director Leo Riley now serves as Interim Director.



Barb and Shasta hitting the trails in Colorado.

Cover your loads for safety — and to avoid fines



If you transport garbage, yard waste, furniture or recyclable materials without a secured tarp covering the load, you're not only breaking New York State law, you're creating dangerous driving conditions.

Statistics show that unsecured loads contribute to roadside debris and serious motor vehicle crashes. According to the AAA Foundation for Safety, about two-thirds of debris-related crashes involve items falling from a vehicle due to improper maintenance and unsecured loads.

Bringing unsecured, uncovered loads to the Tompkins County Recycling and Solid Waste Center can be subject to a surcharge. In NYS, drivers can be issued fines as high as \$1,000 by law enforcement.

Summer picnic tips to reduce waste

Planning a picnic? Here's some great tips help to minimize disposables and eliminate waste:

- Use a menu planner to identify how much food you will need to avoid over-purchasing.
- Swap single-use tableware for sturdy reusable plates, containers, cutlery, tablecloths and napkins; use stainless steel bottles and straws for drinks. If you're getting single-serve drinks, opt for aluminum and glass over plastic.
- Look for bulk food and condiments instead of individually wrapped products.
- Set-up labeled recycling and composting bins for guests to use.