

# 4R TIMES

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, RETHINK

## IMPORTANT DATES & HOLIDAYS

### Memorial Day -

**Monday, May 26, 2025**

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

### Juneteenth -

**Thursday, June 19, 2025**

Office closed, RSWC open, recycling collection on schedule.

### Independence Day -

**Friday, July 4, 2025**

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

## GET YOUR SOLID WASTE PERMIT ONLINE OR IN OFFICE!

Tompkins County residents who plan to drop off trash, yard waste, tires, or Freon units need a Solid Waste Permit to use the facility. You can purchase a permit in office, or through [our online shop!](#)

Please contact us if you have any questions!

### TCRMM OFFICE

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## FIRST HHW EVENT OF THE YEAR: REGISTER NOW



There are six Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off events held each year at the Recycling and Solid Waste Center. The first HHW event of 2025 will be held on **April 19, 2025**. Residents with a valid Permit can sign up for an event at no additional charge. If you have any questions, please use the [Contact Us form](#) on our website. Thank you for safely disposing of the hazardous materials in your home!

Household Hazardous Waste includes automotive care products, lawn & garden products, products containing mercury, fluorescent light bulbs/tubes, and more! See a full list of accepted items on our website.

[Register](#) >>

*Businesses and other non-residential source CESQGs can [apply to participate for a pass-through cost.](#)*

## READY FOR SPRING CLEANING?

Springtime is the perfect opportunity to refresh your home **and** reduce your environmental footprint. By choosing reusable and eco-friendly products, you can reduce waste while achieving a thorough and deep clean. You can create a healthy home environment and protect the planet by cleaning with items like:

- Microfiber or reusable cloths, and natural fiber brushes
- Natural cleaning solutions that include vinegar, baking soda, hydrogen peroxide, or lemon juice
- Biodegradable sponges
- Steam cleaners

Remember to first donate usable items to a local thrift store, and reuse items like spray bottles, jars, and cloth remnants.



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## ON-FARM COMPOST WORKSHOP

**Are you a local farmer? Do you know a local farmer?**

Join us for a FREE workshop on April 4, 2-6PM, at Tompkins Cortland Community College!

This session aims to help farmers build and enhance on-farm composting systems, supporting agricultural production by recirculating organic waste to a resource to improve soil health.

This workshop is supported by the USDA, hosted by Tompkins County Recycling and Materials Management and Tompkins Cortland Community College (TC3).

Registration required and space is limited, RSVP today on [www.RecycleTompkins.org](http://www.RecycleTompkins.org)!

[Register](#) >>



## DID YOU BRING YOUR SPOON?



The TCRMM team attended the Downtown Ithaca Chili cook-off, hosted by the Downtown Ithaca Alliance (DIA), and were excited to pass out a free ticket to reuse champions who brought their own spoon! Many Chili Fest enthusiasts learned about reusable containers, and our department's services such as Food Scraps Recycling, Household Hazardous Waste events, and use of the Recycling and Solid Waste Center. Keep an eye out for our team this Spring at various community events!

If you would like to have the TCRMM team present to your group, or table at an event you're hosting, please **[contact us!](#)**

## CALL TO ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES!



### SCHEDULE A FREE CONSULTATION

Are you looking to compost, reduce food waste, or improve recycling at your business? Sign up for the Tompkins County ReBusiness Partners Program! [Contact TCRMM](#) to schedule your site visit or check out [RecycleTompkins.org](http://RecycleTompkins.org) to learn more!

### DONATE SURPLUS FOOD

Have you ever wondered how to go about donating surplus prepared food?

Here is your opportunity to participate in a Prepared Food Donation Pilot Program!

Fill out an interest form today: [Click here for interest form.](#)

### WHERE IS YOUR FOOD SCRAPS DROP SPOT?

Interested in composting food scraps? Are you a pro, and you know someone who is interested in learning how to start?

Food Scraps Recycling is a cost saving, eco-friendly way to reduce the waste you send to a landfill.

There are 15 local drop spots in Tompkins County.

**[Find the closest Drop Spot to you!](#)**

Did you know the drop spot at the Recycling and Solid Waste Center is open during operational hours?

