



Additional Recyclables for Drop Off

These items don't belong in your curbside bin, but can be brought directly to drop off areas at the Recycling and Solid Waste Center.

Batteries

Rechargeable, car batteries (lead-acid), phone, laptop, cordless tool, button batteries accepted—kindly tape terminals for safety

Electronics

Computers & accessories, office electronics, TVs, mobile devices, entertainment equipment, wall & battery powered devices

Glass

Clean glass bottles and jars - no lids or caps

For a full list of drop off areas, acceptable materials, fees, and restrictions visit RecycleTompkins.org. Other drop off areas include Fats Oils and Grease, Food Scraps, Appliances with Refrigerants, Propane Tanks, Rigid Plastics, and Tires.

Scrap Metal

Metal appliances and other metal objects

Textile Donations

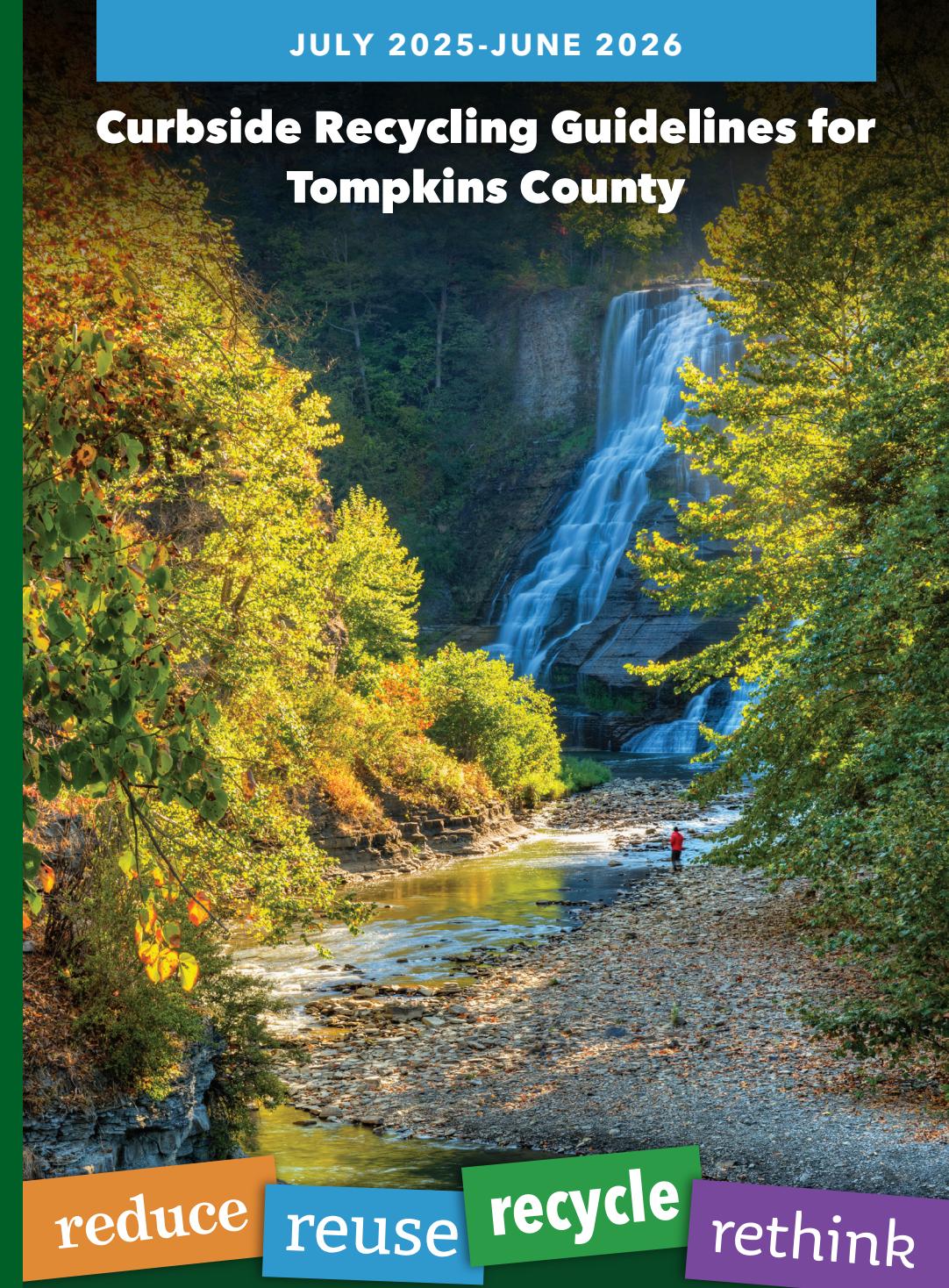
Clothing, footwear, linens, and other textiles

Yard Waste

Leaves, grass clippings, branches, and brush - permits and fees required

JULY 2025-JUNE 2026

Curbside Recycling Guidelines for Tompkins County



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 Farmers Market
- East Hill Plaza
- Enfield Town Clerk
- 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 and location info.

NOT SURE IF AN ITEM CAN BE RECYCLED?

Search for it using the "What Do I Do With...?" feature at www.recycletompkins.org

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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 2026.

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 for weather-related notifications and 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 and updates via
phone, email, text, or with
your favorite calendar app.

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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.



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



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



Glass Containers

Clear, green, and brown glass food and beverage containers

When in Doubt, Keep it Out

These Items Don't Belong in Your Curbside Recycling Bin



- BATTERIES
- BLACK PLASTIC
- CARTONS, DRINK BOXES, AND FROZEN FOOD PACKAGING
- COMPOSTABLE DISPOSABLES
- CONTAINERS FROM HAZARDOUS WASTE
- DRINKING GLASSES, PYREX®, OR COFFEE POTS



- ELECTRONICS/APPLIANCES
- ENVELOPES WITH PLASTIC PADDING
- HANGERS
- PAPER PLATES, TOWELS, NAPKINS, CUPS & TISSUES
- PLASTICS #3, #4, #6, #7, OR UNMARKED



- PLASTIC BAGS OR FILM
- PVC PIPE
- STYROFOAM®
- SYRINGES
- TEXTILES/CLOTHING
- TRASH (I.E. FOOD WRAPPERS, WOOD, DIAPERS)

Don't see an item above? Find the proper method at www.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 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.
- No barrels, or cut barrels.
- Place "R" decal on bin so that the collector can identify the container as "Recycling." (Decals are available for free at the TCRMM office and the Public Drop-off Area of the Recycling and Solid Waste Center.)



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, separate your trash set out from your recycling set out so the collector can easily see your recycling bin.

MAKE SURE YOUR BIN GETS COLLECTED

Recycling bins with **unacceptable items** will receive a sticker and the contents of the bin **will not be collected.**

Reduce

There are lots of ways to prevent waste before it is created: borrow or rent seldom used items, bring your own shopping bag, repurpose leftovers into new meals, and more. Visit www.recycletompkins.org for additional tips and ideas.



Reduce and Reuse

Donate Working Items

Finger Lakes ReUse, Inc. accepts quality reusable building materials, furniture, housewares, electronics, clothing, shoes, books, and more. For a list of locations, acceptable items, and hours of operation, visit www.ithacareuse.org.

Household Hazardous Waste



Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is material that must be handled and disposed of properly due to the dangers it poses to our health and the environment. Some materials may have a retail or manufacturer take-back program.

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?

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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