



Curbside Recycling Guidelines for Tompkins County

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 to find your pick-up day. The calendar below shows green-shaded and non-shaded weeks through June 2027.

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.

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.

Tcgov.co/MyRecyclingDay

NOT SURE IF AN ITEM CAN BE RECYCLED?

Search for it using the 'What Do I Do With...?' feature at Tcgov.co/WhatDoIDoWith

Drop Off Additional Recyclables

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. A facility map is available here: Tcgov.co/RSWCmap

- 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

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

Visit Tcgov.co/FoodScraps for drop spot hours and location information.

Drop Off Areas

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

Clean clothing, footwear, linens, and other textiles

Yard Waste

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

Non-Shaded Weeks

CITY OF ITHACA
Set out by 4:00 am.
Visit Tcgov.co/MyRecyclingDay or call 607-273-6632 for pick-up day.

TOWNS

Caroline	Monday
Danby	Monday (excluding West Danby)
Dryden	Thursday
North of and including Route 13	
Groton	Wednesday
West of Route 38	
Ithaca	Friday
West of Route 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 Route 38	
Ithaca	Tuesday
East of and including Route 96B	
Lansing	Monday
Ulysses	Friday

VILLAGES

Groton	Wednesday
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● = **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

2026

July

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2027

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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, paper cups, newspaper, mail, magazines, office paper, and paperback books



Plastic Containers

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



Glass Containers

Clear, green, and brown glass food and beverage containers

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
Tcgov.co/WhatDoIDoWith



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, & 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 **Tcgov.co/WhatDoIDoWith**

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).
- ✓ Set your bin at the curb with the "R" decal facing the road so the recycling 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 notice and the contents of the bin **will not be collected**.

Reduce and Reuse

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.



Donate Working Items

Finger Lakes ReUse accepts quality building materials, furniture, housewares, electronics, computers, clothing, shoes, fabric supplies, books, and more for local reuse. For a list of locations, acceptable items, and hours of operation, visit **www.ithacareuse.org**

Household Hazardous Waste



Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is residential 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 **Tcgov.co/HHW** for residential drop-off event dates and to register in advance to participate, or call the TCRMM office. A valid solid waste permit is required.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

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