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2021 Earth Day Litter Clean Up: April 23 and 24

Kristen Lawton, Public Information Officer

Interested in joining thousands of neighbors this spring to clean up litter and help beautify our community? Then register for OCRRA's 2021 Earth Day Litter Clean Up happening Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24!

Group leaders gather interested volunteers, develop a group name and select a public space that they would like to beautify. Then leaders register at **OCRRA.org** to receive instructions on how to prepare for the cleanup and learn what to do with collected litter, so it is counted in the annual tally.

Tips for having a safe event are also shared, such as: how to keep volunteers safe and why mask wearing and social distancing are important even at an outdoor event in the spring.

Registration deadline is Friday, April 16, 2021. Thanks for helping make our community a more beautiful place to live and work.

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Team members at SGS Galston in East Syracuse show off the litter they collected during the 2019 Earth Day Litter Clean Up. Register your group for the 2021 event by April 16 at **OCRRA.org**.





Photo Credit: Klineberg Photography, Syracuse, 2019.

Blue Bin Recycling Tips

Knowing what to keep out of your recycle bin is just as important as knowing what to put in it

-  All "crackable" plastics, such as the containers that berries, baked goods, salads or takeout come in should go in the trash.
-  Do not bag recyclables. Place in bin loose. Plastic bags and other stretchy film plastics that are clean and dry can be recycled at large retail stores, grocery stores and chain pharmacies, as long as they do not have any labels.
-  When in doubt, if you can't check it out (at **OCRRA.org**, on Facebook, or by calling us at 315-453-2866), throw it out. Avoid wish-cycling. This reduces contamination and keeps our community's recycling program sustainable in the long-term.



-  Ignore the numbers. Only plastics shaped like bottles, jugs, jars or wide-mouth, stackable DAIRY tubs go in the blue bin.
-  Cardboard and paper items such as junk mail, office paper, envelopes, catalogs and soft cover books are all recyclable.
-  Paperboard boxes such as cereal, pasta and tissue boxes can also be recycled; however, all frozen food boxes should go in the trash.
-  Cartons, even those with the plastic spouts—think milk, juice cartons or aseptic cartons that soup or alternative milks come in can be recycled.



Household Toxics Drop Off Program Up and Running Again

No-cost disposal option available by appointment Monday, Thursday and Friday all year long

Kristen Lawton, Public Information Officer



Photo Credit: Klineberg Photography, Syracuse, 2016.

Make a no-cost appointment to drop off household toxics Monday, Thursday or Friday all year long. Visit www.tinyurl.com/OCRRAtoxics for a list of acceptable items and to make your appointment. Masks are required at drop off appointments. Thank you.

OCRRA's Household Hazardous Waste program is back up and running after a short hiatus. Some household items should not be disposed in the trash or down the drain. For example, if you have unneeded oil-based paints, garden chemicals, or automotive products around your home, OCRRA has a no-cost disposal option for you! See page 3 for a list of items that are accepted under this program.

Appointments are available Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm; sign up today at www.tinyurl.com/OCRRAtoxics. A confirmation email will advise on how to package and transport items and where to bring them (Miller Environmental Group—off Hiawatha Boulevard in Syracuse).

Special health and safety precautions are in place: only one resident drops off materials in each 15-minute appointment; upon arrival completed paperwork is handed in at a window and residents return to their vehicle. Staff from Miller Environmental Group then empty each vehicle. Residents must wear a mask and remain in their vehicle after handing in paperwork.

This program is free to residents, however, OCRRA pays a flat fee for each appointment, regardless of the number of items brought in. OCRRA appreciates residents bringing items in bulk, so that this essential service can continue to be offered at no charge. Please have at least a box full of toxics ready for drop off before making an appointment. Consider asking friends or neighbors if they have items as well, to maximize each appointment.

Business materials are not accepted. Residents of the Town and Village of Skaneateles are NOT eligible for this program as these municipalities are not part of the OCRRA service area.

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2021 Shred-O-Rama Event on Pause

OCRRA partners with two local shredders to offer reduced price shredding services through end of 2021

Kristen Lawton, OCRRA Public Information Officer

OCRRA is placing its confidential document shredding event on pause for 2021 due to challenges associated with securing necessary volunteers to run a safe, efficient event.

In an effort to continue to serve the community's needs, but in a different way, OCRRA is partnering with two local shredding companies. They are offering reduced-cost shredding services when presented with one of the coupons below.

To keep costs down, only bring in confidential documents. What is a confidential document? Check out the list below for details.

The following items are prohibited from drop off: Cardboard, three ring binders, hanging file folders, plastic folder holder envelopes and large metal binder clips (staples, paper clips and rubber bands are okay).

To be learn about future news and events, join OCRRA's email list at the bottom of OCRRA.org.

Confidata

4642 Crossroads Park Drive, Liverpool

Confidata also provides confidential document shredding services year-round and is offering shredding services to Onondaga County residents for 25 cents a pound with coupon. There are no quantity limits. Residents must call (315) 453-2800 to make an appointment prior to drop off. Hours of operations are Monday – Friday from 9 am to 2 pm. No business materials accepted in connection with the coupon offer; documents must be generated by Onondaga County households only.



Confidential Document Shredding Special

25¢ per pound

Monday – Friday | 9 am to 2 pm

- Call (315) 453-2800 for appointment.
- Unlimited drop off.
- No business docs. Onondaga County household materials only.
- Prohibited items: Cardboard, 3-ring binders, hanging file folders, plastic folder holder envelopes, large metal binder clips (staples, paper clips and rubber bands are okay).

4642 Crossroads Park Drive, Liverpool

COUPON EXPIRES: DECEMBER 31, 2021



Confidential Document Shredding Special

25¢ per pound

Monday – Friday | 8 am to 4 pm

- No appointment necessary.
- Unlimited drop off.
- No business docs. Onondaga County household materials only.
- Prohibited items: Cardboard, 3-ring binders, hanging file folders, plastic folder holder envelopes, large metal binder clips (staples, paper clips and rubber bands are okay).

1925 Park St. #2, Syracuse (Bodow Recycling Building)

COUPON EXPIRES: DECEMBER 31, 2021

What is a Confidential Doc?

Confidential documents include: medical documents, bank information, credit card statements, tax forms, other records containing account numbers.

Items containing only your name and mailing address are NOT confidential.

Non-confidential documents include: phone books, magazines, newspapers, junk mail, receipts, hanging file folders, 3-ring binders, plastic file folder envelopes, photos and photo albums.

Simple Shred (Bodow Recycling)

1925 Park Street #2, Syracuse

Simple Shred offers confidential document shredding services year-round and normally charges 50 cents per pound. They are offering a 50% discount to Onondaga County residents who bring in the coupon here. So, for 25 cents a pound residents can shred unlimited confidential documents with ease, Monday – Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. No appointment is necessary. No business materials accepted in connection with the coupon offer; documents must be generated by Onondaga County households only.

FACT: Latex paint is not eligible for household toxics drop off. Dry it out with cat litter and put in your trash, lid off.

What Household Toxics are Accepted at OCRRA's Drop Off Program?

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

General Items:

- Toxic products
- Flammable products
- Poisonous products
- Corrosive products



Auto products:

- Antifreeze
- Brake fluid
- Diesel fuel
- Engine degreaser
- Gasoline
- Transmission fluid



Cleaning Supplies:

- Oven cleaner
- Drain cleaner
- Lye
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Floor and furniture polish



Gardening supplies:

- Herbicides
- Pesticides



Painting Supplies:

- Oil-based paints
- Stains or finishes
- Paint thinner
- Turpentine
- Brush cleaner
- Paint stripper
- Wood preservatives



Household Items:

- Driveway sealer
- Kerosene
- Lighter fluid
- Mercury thermometers and thermostats
- Mothballs
- Nail polish remover
- Petroleum products
- Pool chemicals
- Smoke detectors
- Loose asbestos (must be double-bagged)
- Asbestos pipe wrapping (pipes removed)



UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Latex paint
- Empty paint cans or cans of dried-up paint
- Asbestos pipes, asbestos shingles, asbestos tiles
- Auto batteries
- Batteries
- Controlled substances
- Electronic waste
- Empty aerosol cans that did not contain hazardous materials
- Etiological, pathological or medical waste
- Explosives
- Fire extinguishers
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Motor oil
- Pharmaceuticals
- Propane tanks of any size
- Radioactive materials
- Wallpaper paste or drywall sizing
- More than 30 pounds of solid material
- More than 20 gallons of liquid material
- Any container larger than 5 gallons
- Any 55-gallon drums

Recycling Rhoda

Confidential Documents

Dear Recycling Rhoda,

I've always heard that it's necessary to shred mail and other papers to protect my identity. Is that true? Can I put the shredded paper in my blue bin with the rest of my paper recycling?

– Fretful in Fabius

Dear Fretful,

Protecting your identity is important in today's day and age, and shredding documents with private information is an effective way to do that. However, not every piece of paper you get needs to be shredded, (in fact, many don't), and no shredded paper should ever (EVER) go in your blue bin. According to the Federal Trade Commission, receipts, credit offers, credit applications, insurance forms, physician statements, checks, bank statements and similar documents should be shredded. Basically, any document that contains your full account or social security number, such as a bank statement, a medical bill or a tax form. Your name and address are not confidential, so junk mail, envelopes, flyers and magazines do not need to be shredded; they can be recycled in your blue bin. Do you think I can't marry your name with your home address using a little internet search wizardry? I can dearie, I can. And so can anyone else, so you don't need to shred your general mail, magazines or ad flyers, pumpkin. Now, why can't shredded paper go in the blue bin? Recycling facilities can't capture it during the automated sorting process, so any shredded paper in the blue bin will become trash. To recycle shredded paper, bring it to Bodow Recycling (1925 Park St., Syracuse; enter building off Exchange Place through the "bottle return" entrance). Another option is to skip the home shredding and bring your documents to a place that will shred them for you instead. Contact Simple Shred, Confidata, or the nearest Office Max, Staples or UPS Store to verify pricing and material preparation instructions. Check out page 2 for a special shredding coupon, just for friends of Rhoda! Shredded paper can also be treated as trash. Place it in a tightly closed plastic bag and throw it out. All Onondaga County trash goes to a Waste-to-Energy Facility where it is converted into electricity –enough to power 30,000 homes in our community. So, while not recycled into new paper products, your shredded paper will have a new life as electricity. Finally, consider switching to online statements to reduce the number of documents that need to be shredded in the first place.

Confidentially yours,
Recycling Rhoda

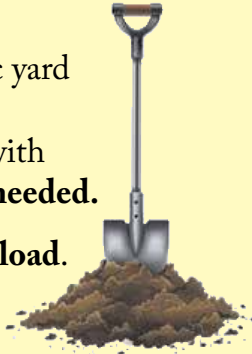
Need Compost or Mulch for a Spring Garden or Landscape Project?

OCRRA has you covered! Using OCRRA's mulch or STA*-certified compost is crucial to growing the best vegetables and creating the most beautiful landscapes in the neighborhood. To join the company of thousands of local residents and landscapers that rely on OCRRA's high-quality mulch and compost for their gardens and lawns each year, consider these options:

1) Fill Your Trunk

If you are looking for less than a cubic yard of mulch or compost and have a car, mini-van or SUV, you may self-load with the trunkload option. **No site pass is needed.**

- ½" General Compost: **\$10 / trunkload.**
- Double Ground Wood Mulch: **\$5 / trunkload.**



2) Buy it by the Yard

Mulch and compost can be purchased in bulk; OCRRA will load your truck or trailer for you. There is no self-loading and no site pass is needed. A pass is only needed if you are looking to drop off material. Don't have a truck or trailer? Check out a list of local haulers that will deliver mulch and compost to you by the yard at www.tinyurl.com/haul4u.



- ½" General Compost: **\$15 / cubic yard.**
- ¼" inch Premium Compost: **\$20 / cubic yard.**
- Double Ground Wood Mulch: **\$12 / cubic yard.**

3) Buy Compost in Bags

OCRRA compost is available at more than 30 retail locations (¼" premium compost only). Each store sets its own price point. Check page 5 for a list of retailers, which can also be found at OCRRA.org.



If you are only looking to drop off material at either the Amboy or Jamesville Compost Site you will need a 2021 Compost Site Pass. This **\$25 residential pass** allows unlimited, year-round drop-off of yard waste and food scraps at both Compost Sites. It also comes with two free bags of ¼" premium compost.

The drop off pass is for residential use only, and is not available to commercial customers. To purchase a 2021 Compost Site Pass, visit www.tinyurl.com/OCRRAcompostpass, or stop by one of the Compost Sites when they are open.

Visit OCRRA's award-winning Compost Sites and help "Save the World a Little Each Day," while also creating beautiful landscapes and gardens at home.

**STA or Seal of Testing Assurance is a certification bestowed upon organizations that rigorously test their compost products through third party laboratories. It is given by the US Composting Council, a national organization devoted to the development, expansion and promotion of the composting industry.*



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Site Hours

Jamesville Compost Site

4370 Route 91
Jamesville

Seasonally open to residents
April 1 to November 21
Thursday – Saturday
7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Amboy Compost Site

6296 Airport Road
Camillus

Open to residents
April 1 to November 21
Monday – Saturday
7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Residential Mulch & Compost Haulers

The businesses listed below may be contacted to haul materials from OCRRA Compost Sites

HAULER	PHONE	BASED IN	SINGLE TRIP MAX VOLUME*
Alan Seabrook	(315) 481-9677	Syracuse: Serving Onondaga County	7 cu. yds.*
Bill Guptill	(315) 345-5451	Nedrow	6 cu. yds.*
Custom Lawn-Scapes, Inc.	(315) 458-4921	North Syracuse: Serving Onondaga County	10 cu. yds.*
J.M. Landscape & Plowing	(315) 430-5549	Baldwinsville	7 cu. yds.*
John Majowsky	(315) 247-8111	Onondaga County	8 cu. yds.*
Ken's Lawn Care	(315) 243-2295	Camillus: Serving Camillus, Fairmount, Syracuse, Baldwinsville, Marcellus	10 cu. yds.*
Landscapes Etc. LLC	(315) 447-5844	Cazenovia: Serving Manlius, Jamesville, Dewitt, Fayetteville, Chittenango	16 cu. yds.*
Mosher's Landscape	(315) 678-1431	Baldwinsville: Serving Onondaga County	3 cu. yds.*
Northern Firewood	(315) 668-9663	West Monroe	15 cu. yds.*
Polk's Hauling LLC	(315) 706-1698	North Syracuse: Serving Onondaga County	5 cu. yds.*

***Heavier products may have lower maximum volumes for a single trip.**
OCRRA is neither recommending nor endorsing any of the service providers above.

FACT: The Amboy Compost Site will also be open on Saturdays starting April 1. (SPRING HOURS: Mon. – Sat., 7:30 am – 3:30 pm.)

Buy OCRRA Compost By the Bag

These fine retailers set their own pricepoint for OCRRA's high quality, 1/4" US Composting Council certified material. Call for details.

North Area

- B'ville Supply – Baldwinsville
- Ballantyne Gardens – Liverpool
- CountryMax – Lysander
- CountryMax – Cicero
- CountryMax – Oswego
- Deaton's Agway – Pulaski
- Green Acres Lawn & Garden Center – Liverpool
- Oliver B. Paine Greenhouses – Fulton
- Pond & Rock Shop – North Syracuse
- T.J.'s Lawns Plus – Phoenix
- Village Ace Hardware – Baldwinsville

South Area

- Bob's True Value – Syracuse
- Carol Watson's Greenhouse – LaFayette

- CountryMax – Cortland
- CountryMax – Norwich
- Green Hills Farms – Nedrow
- Neil Casey's Farm Market – Tully
- Valley View Gardens – Cortland
- Watson Farms Landscaping & Garden Center – LaFayette

East Area

- Aspinall's – Chittenango
- CountryMax – DeWitt
- Green Scapes – Jamesville
- Manlius True Value Hardware – Manlius
- Spruce Ridge Landscaping & Garden Center – Cazenovia
- Syracuse Cooperative Market Syracuse
- Village Ace Hardware – Fayetteville
- Vollmer Farms – East Syracuse
- Wagner Farms – Rome

West Area

- Maldonado Gardens – Elbridge
- Oliver's Produce – Marcellus
- Silver Spring Farm Market – Onondaga Hill
- Sollecito Landscaping Nursery – Syracuse
- Town Square Ace Hardware – Skaneateles



Curbside Recycling



Milk and juice cartons
Empty and rinse.



Newspapers, magazines, catalogs and softcover books
Keep loose. Don't tie.



Plastic bottles and jugs
Empty and replace cap.



Cardboard, pizza, pasta, cereal boxes, etc.
Flatten.



Cans and jars
Empty and rinse. Labels are ok.



Papers, mail, envelopes



Plastic dairy tubs
Empty and rinse; no lids.



How Can You Reduce Your Waste? Get a Compost Pass!

All those stellar recyclers out there wondering how to take their personal waste reduction efforts to the next level need look no further for a solution! Reduce food waste at home and turn food scraps into a beneficial soil amendment at OCRRA.

Food scraps and yard waste—think veggie scraps, banana peels, egg shells, coffee grounds leftovers, as well as brush, grass clippings, tree limbs and leaves—can all be turned into compost by OCRRA. Residents need only purchase a Compost Site Drop Off Pass and deliver their materials to one of OCRRA's two Compost Sites.

A pass is easy to get, simply purchase it in person at the Amboy Compost Site in Camillus or at the Jamesville Compost Site, or buy it online at www.tinyurl.com/OCRRAcompostpass. It costs \$25 and allows Onondaga County residents to drop off unlimited quantities of food and yard waste. It also entitles pass holders to two bags of 1/4" Premium Compost.

Passes are not necessary to purchase compost or mulch in bulk or by the trunk load. They are only needed to drop material off. Passes are for residential users only, not commercial customers. Commercial customers may visit www.tinyurl.com/CompostSites for fees.

Get a 2021 Compost Site Drop Off Pass (\$25) online at OCRRA.org or at the Compost Sites. The pass allows unlimited drop off all season at either the Amboy or Jamesville Compost Site and entitles pass holders to two free bags of OCRRA Premium Compost.



FACT: Ignore numbers on plastics. Pay attention to shape. Only bottles, jugs, jars & stackable dairy tubs go in the blue bin.

Where Can I Bring My Trash — Ley Creek or Rock Road?

Now Residential Customers Go to Ley Creek and Commercial Customers Go to Rock Cut Road

Kristen Lawton, Public Information Officer

Residents with items from their own home, such as household trash, recycling, bulky waste—like furniture—or construction and demolition materials, should use the Ley Creek Transfer Station in Liverpool, Thursday—Saturday.

Ley Creek serves households ONLY, not businesses. Trash disposal costs are determined by the type of vehicle materials are dropped off in; cars and minivans cost \$15; pickup trucks, SUVs, vans and trailers cost \$30.

Some items have additional disposal fees such as appliances with refriger-

ant, mattresses, microwaves and tires. Recycling drop off costs \$2 per visit, regardless of volume. Explore www.tinyurl.com/LeyCreekInfo for specifics, as well as hours and directions.

Businesses, including contractors, with trash, bulky waste or construction and demolition debris should use the Rock Cut Road Transfer Station in Jamesville, Monday–Friday. Those who are hand unloading are welcome from 6:30 am – 1:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Those with self-dumping vehicles are welcome from 6:30 am – 2:30 pm, Monday–Fri-

day. Loads are charged either by vehicle type or weighed over the scale, pending volume. Visit www.tinyurl.com/RockCutRoad for specifics.

OCRRA is now working on a plan for improved residential services. There are two main options: moving residential services to the eastside of the county or improving the Ley Creek Transfer Station, so it too can comply with state regulations that require all operations to take place indoors.

Either option will take time to accomplish, but rest assured things are in the works.

OCRRA appreciates your patience as operations continue to evolve. Please join our email list to be made aware of future

changes and services. Sign up at the bottom of www.OCRRA.org.

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Transfer Station Hours

Ley Creek Transfer Station

Residents Only. No Commercial Customers.

5158 Ley Creek Drive, Liverpool
(Off 7th North St. exit of Route 81)

OPEN: Thu. & Fri., 6:30 am – 1:30 pm;
Sat., 8:00 am – 11:30 am.

CLOSED: Mon. – Wed. and Sun.

Rock Cut Road Transfer Station

Businesses Only. No Residential Customers.

5808 Rock Cut Road, Jamesville

OPEN: Hand-unloading: Mon. – Fri., 6:30 am – 1:30 pm;
Self-dumping vehicles: Mon. – Fri., 6:30 am – 2:30 pm.

CLOSED: Sat. and Sun.

BLUE BIN OR NO?

Not all plastics can go in the blue bin. Ignore the NUMBERS on plastics. Use the shape as a guide instead. If you have an item that fits these general descriptions, put it in—or keep it out of—your recycling container per the instructions below. Still not sure? When in doubt, throw it out.

YES

Plastic Bottles Smaller opening than base



Plastic Jugs Item with handles



Plastic Jars Screw on lids with necks



Plastic Dairy Tubs Stackable inside same item



NO

Clamshell Containers (Trash)



Film Plastics*



Plastic Cups (Trash)



Cords & Hoses (Trash)



*Stretchy film plastics are recyclable at big box retailers, grocery stores and chain pharmacies; they simply have to be clean, dry and devoid of labels.



From the Executive Director's Desk...

Next-Life Recycling

Dereth Glance, Executive Director, OCRRA

One of my favorite stories of all time is Holling C. Holling's Paddle-to-the-Sea. It is a story of a boy who carved a little man in a wooden boat that sets sail from the headwaters of Lake Superior. His journey takes him through a thrilling and perilous adventure that is helped by kind strangers along the way. Eventually, Paddle-to-the-Sea makes it to the Great Gulf of the St. Lawrence.

The journey for a recycled material is just as arduous. Thinking about the "next life" for a material can aid in choosing the best journey to send the material on in its current life—and its next life...

1. The Recycle Bin. It's a great starting point for most—but not all—recyclables. Metal food containers (aluminum and steel); plastic bottles, tubs, jugs, stackable dairy tubs; and paper, paperboard, and cardboard are perfect for the recycle bin.

Their journey to the next life begins once they are offloaded at the recycling sorting facility and loaded onto conveyer belts. The system uses gravity, magnets, air, and optical scanners to separate items into different bales of material. These bales are sold and turned into new products.

Quality demands are high and if there is a lot of garbage that goes into the recycling system, then that trash contaminates the good recyclables. No more than 2% of a 1,400 pound paper bale can be something other than paper, or the entire bale will be rejected and become garbage.

For example, if lightweight film plastic items, like bubble wrap or plastic shipping pouches erroneously end up in the recycle bin they behave like paper and can contaminate paper bales.

Plastics in the recycle bin get recycled if they are the right shape. Ignore symbols and numbers and instead refer to OCRRA's recycling guide. See page 5 for details. Remember: "Wish-cycling" only harms recycling, so when it doubt, throw an item out to ensure good recyclables aren't spoiled.

Thankfully, Onondaga County residents do a very good job of recycling. There is always room for a refresher and, as quality requirements increase and alternative recycling opportunities become viable, we'll keep you informed.

2. Recycle Outside the Bin. Certain materials, including thin film plastics and textiles are recyclable as long as they do not get wet and dirty along their journey. These are "direct flight" recyclables that must be taken to a drop off location that can keep them separate, clean and dry, so they can be recycled and live their best next life.

The Rescue Mission and Salvation Army will accept your textiles for resale as clothes. **Textiles** include clothing, linens, blankets, drapes, towels, stuffed animals, footwear, belts, hats, handbags, gloves and other accessories.

Textiles can be donated even if they are not in wearable / usable condition. They simply need to be washed and dry. If they are missing a button, have a stain or broken zipper, they can still be repurposed into insulation or industrial rags.

Thin film plastics, like bread bags and over wrap on paper towels, make great durable goods if collected and kept clean, dry and by themselves. Big box stores have bins for you to drop



Art Credit: iStock.com, 2021.

Recycling is more than blue bin recycling. It extends to recycling at drop off locations and can even go one step farther when it is built into the lifecycle of a product. Building recycling in helps achieve a circular economy where products are manufactured, utilized, recycled and turned into new products. This eliminates unnecessary waste. Let elected officials know you support recycling legislation that builds a circular economy at www.nypsc.org.

your stretchy thin film plastics off for recycling. They get made into plastic lawn furniture, composite decking, bike racks and more.

3. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). A more circular economy is possible, one where materials that you purchase have a ready next-life. EPR is a "pre-paid and already booked" transportation model for recycling products. The product designers, manufacturers and distributors are responsible for the full lifecycle of their product, including packaging and unused contents. New York State is on the cusp of enacting EPR legislation for packaging and printed paper. Please take a minute to have your voice heard. Visit www.nypsc.org and let your elected officials know you support EPR!

Following the logic of recycling can be baffling if we limit the recycling journey to the bin only. More items can be recycled if we

think outside the recycling bin and almost everything can be recycled if EPR is enacted. With EPR, the recyclability of a product is integrated into its design before the product is even sold!

Thank you for all you do to help save the world a little each day. Join OCRRA's email list to stay abreast of the latest recycling news; register at the bottom of www.OCRRA.org.

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How to Recycle TVs and Other Electronics in Onondaga County

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OCRRA cannot accept electronics at any of our locations, nor do we host collection events. However, NYS law requires manufacturers to take-back unwanted electronics from households, schools and small businesses year-round.

Electronics covered under the law include: TVs, computers, monitors and “other” electronics, such

as printers, scanners, fax machines, keyboards, mice, tablets, DVRs, VCRs, DVD players, cable or satellite receivers, video game consoles, portable digital music players, digital converter boxes, small scale servers, and computer peripherals including cables, cords or wiring permanently affixed to such a product.

Use the chart below to find the

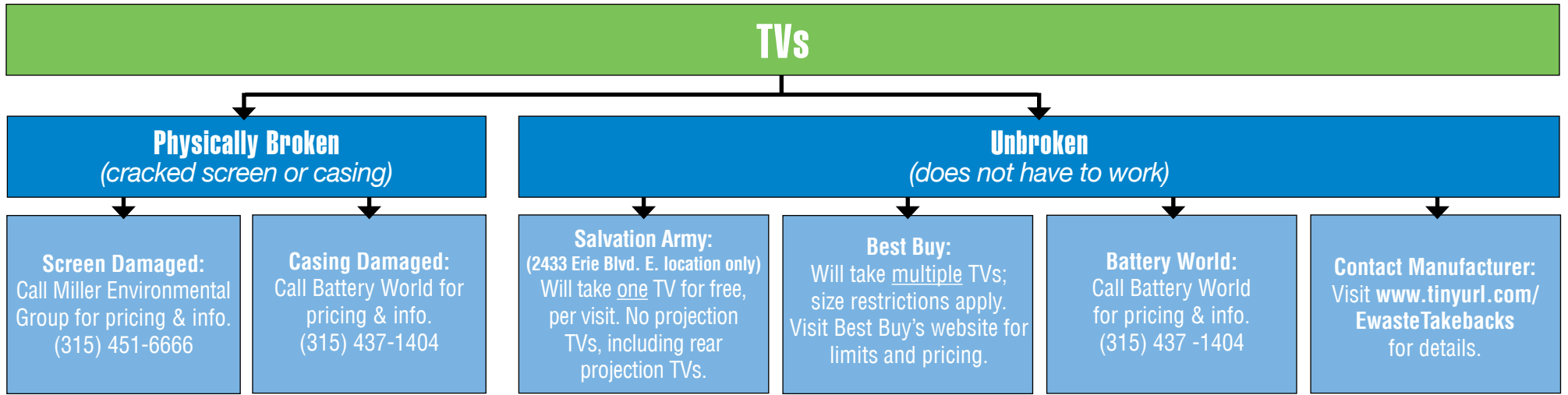
best recycling option. Some options are no cost, others have a fee. Call prior to drop off for details. Alternatively, check this list for manufacturer take back programs: www.tinyurl.com/EwasteTakebacks

Wherever you dispose of an old computer or mobile device, it is a good idea to protect your personal information so it does not fall into

someone else's hands. “Wipe” your device or destroy your hard drive before recycling your old electronics.

To stay up-to-date on electronics recycling, sign up for OCRRA's email list. Join at OCRRA.org in the green “Join our Mailing List” section at the bottom.

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Other E-Waste

Not all locations accept all e-waste listed above. Confirm what is acceptable online or by calling the locations below, as guidelines and / or pricing may have changed since this was printed.

	Battery World	Best Buy	Bruin Recycling	Salvation Army	Staples
	5820 East Molloy Rd. Syracuse (315) 437-1404	3401 Erie Blvd. East, DeWitt (315) 449-1784 Destiny USA Syracuse (315) 426-1588	1001 Vine St. Liverpool (315) 410-0050	2433 Erie Blvd. East, Syracuse (315) 445-0520	3736 Milton Ave. Camillus (315) 488-4071 3 Chevy Dr. E. Syracuse (315) 463-8040 4118 State Rte. 31 Liverpool (315) 715-0112
Monitors (Flat Screen)	Yes Call for pricing Appt. required. ✓	Yes Visit their website for fees. Limit 2 per household, per day. ✓	Yes No Charge. (No TVs). ✓	Yes No Charge. ✓	Yes No Charge. (No TVs). ✓
Monitors (CRT - Old style)	Yes Call for pricing Appt. required. ✓	Yes Visit their website for fees. Limit 2 per household, per day. ✓	No ✗	Yes No Charge. ✓	Yes No Charge. (No TVs). ✓
Keyboards & Mice	Yes No charge. Appt. required. ✓	Yes No Charge. ✓	Yes No Charge. ✓	Yes No Charge. ✓	Yes No Charge. ✓
Cords	Yes No charge. Appt. required. ✓	Yes No Charge. ✓	Yes No Charge. ✓	Yes No Charge. ✓	Yes No Charge. ✓
Other E-Waste	Yes No charge. Call to confirm acceptable items. ✓	Yes No charge. Visit their website for acceptable items. ✓	Yes No charge. Visit their website for acceptable items. ✓	No ✗	Yes No charge. Visit their website for acceptable items. ✓

Mark Your Calendar

<p>JAMESVILLE COMPOST SITE</p> <p>OPENS FOR SEASON</p> <p>April 1, 2021</p> <p>(3 Days/Week)</p>	<p>EARTH DAY LITTER CLEANUP</p> <p>APRIL 23 & 24</p> <p>Register at OCRRA.org</p> <p>by April 16</p> <p>See front page for details.</p>	<p>ALL OCRRA SITES CLOSED</p> <p>MONDAY</p> <p>MAY 31, 2021</p> <p>Happy Memorial Day!</p>	<p>HOUSEHOLD TOXICS DROP-OFF</p> <p>Mon., Thurs., Fri.</p> <p>by Appointment</p> <p>Miller Environmental Group</p> <p>8:00 am–3:00 pm</p> <p>Register at OCRRA.org.</p>
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FACT: Textiles, plastic bags & food DO NOT belong in the blue bin. Recycle at drop off locations; see OCRRA.org for details.