

APRIL 2023



RECYCLING MATTERS

FOR A WASTE-FREE COLLAR CITY

Happy Earth Day!

It's April, which means Earth Day is almost here! The first "Earth Day" was in 1970. Gaylord Nelson, a Senator for Wisconsin, took action after an oil spill in California. He had been increasingly concerned over the environment, and used the momentum from the oil spill and student protests to host teach-in events at colleges on April 22nd, which was the perfect date between spring break and final exams. Since 1970, Earth Day has become even bigger, with individuals, organizations, and governments participating worldwide

Host a Cleanup

Every year, the City promotes "Earth Week" cleanups the week of April 22. This year, **Earth Week is Saturday, April 15 to Sunday, April 23.** If you're interested in hosting a neighborhood, park, or alley cleanup, register yours online at www.troyny.gov/1331/Earth-Day. You can also stop by City Hall to register in-person, or contact City Recycling Specialist Naomi Pitkin at **(518) 279-7313** or recycling@troyny.gov.

If you host a cleanup, you can opt-in to pick-up the following items to distribute/use:

Pick-up at City Hall (Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm):

- Clear recycling/trash bags
- Textile program magnets
- Recycling bin stickers
- Deterra pharmaceutical disposal bags

Schedule a pick-up at Knickerbacker Arena (Monday through Friday, 9am to 2pm):

- Leaf bags

To schedule a pick-up at Knickerbacker, call **(518) 235-7761** or **(518) 235-0215**.

Other Ways to Get Involved

There are lots of ways to celebrate Earth Day, whether hosting/participating in an Earth Week cleanup, or:

- switching to pesticide alternatives
- planting trees and other greenery!
- finding reusable swaps for your most used disposable items
- composting: bring food scraps to the Alamo during operating hours, [add your name to the composting program wait list](#), or [place an order for a backyard composter!](#)
- [view more Earth Day celebration ideas here!](#)

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Battery Recycling Program

Drop-offs at City Hall and the Department of Public Works

We are excited to announce a pilot battery recycling drop-off program! We are offering this service starting mid-April. To make sure your batteries are eligible for disposal, use the [Battery Identification List](#).



Pictured: the white battery recycling program bucket.

Drop-off locations:

- **City Hall**, 433 River Street, Suite 5001 (Mayor's Office).
Monday - Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm
- **Department of Public Works**, 3118 7th Avenue.
Monday - Friday, 7:30am to 2:30pm

The following battery types are accepted in our pilot program:

- Alkaline
- Zinc Carbon
- Nickel Cadmium
- Lithium-Ion
- Lithium Primary
- Mercury Batteries
- Silver Oxide
- Button Cells
- Lead Acid - Non-Spillable

Directions: tape the battery's terminals (ends) with **clear tape** and drop them into the bucket!

Upcoming Events

COMMUNITY-BASED SUSTAINABLE EVENTS

TROY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FACILITY (ALAMO) OPEN

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 1

Services: food scrap drop-off, pallet pick-up, mulch pick-up

EARTH DAY CLEANUPS

View the list of projects or register to host your own at

www.troyny.gov/1331/Earth-Day

CITYWIDE TRASH BARREL PROGRAM

View the Frequently Asked Questions at www.troyny.gov/cleanstreets

2023 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

Saturday, May 13 at the Troy Resource Management Facility (Alamo)

Updates will be posted at www.troyny.gov/hhw

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