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# RECYCLING MATTERS

FOR A WASTE-FREE COLLAR CITY

## Troy's Recycling Guide

"What do I do with..." is one of our most frequently asked questions. In this issue of Recycling Matters, we want to highlight the **Recycling Guide**, a database of over 400 items with reuse, recycling, and disposal options.

The Recycling Guide is a database with pre-loaded nationwide information on take-back programs, recycling programs, state laws and regulations, and more. We've customized the info so it is specific to Troy.

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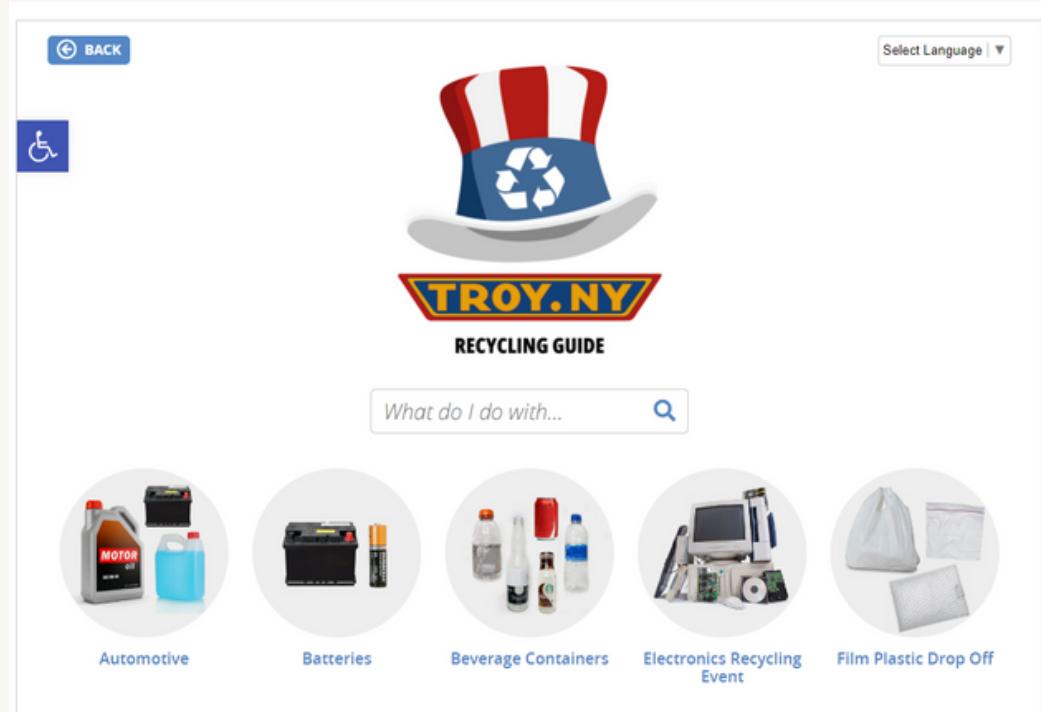
**10/14 HHW EVENT**

**UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE**

## Our Tips for Using the Guide

If you used our previous database, Clean Up Troy, the Recycling Guide is very similar. Our biggest recommendation is to type your item or product slowly, as the search engine will suggest their existing categories and item names.

For example: if you search "sandwich bag," the guide will suggest "ziploc bag." Don't be discouraged if your item is not listed! Search using related terms. If the item is still not coming up, please contact us so we can connect with the Recycling Guide vendor.



*Pictured: The Recycling Guide home page with materials categories.*

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# Location Update: Battery Recycling Drop-off

**Our battery recycling program will be moved to the Troy Resource Management Facility. Battery drop-off can be done Tuesdays, 9am to 1pm. Please notify the laborer at the facility so they may assist you. The starting date will be announced in a later edition of this newsletter and on our Facebook page. If these hours aren't accessible for you, STAPLES has a battery take-back program!**

Please note that all batteries must be taped, and separated by rechargeable and single-use.



*Pictured: a pair of batteries.*

## Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Event

**Saturday, October 14 in Bethlehem**

**As a reminder, household hazardous wastes** are the only accepted material for this event. Advanced registration is required!

### WHAT

Household hazardous waste includes items such as gasoline, pesticides, paint, and other materials. Visit [www.troyny.gov/hhw](http://www.troyny.gov/hhw) for a complete list of eligible items.



### WHEN

Saturday, October 14. Time slots will be emailed in advance.



### WHERE

74 Elm Avenue East, Selkirk NY 12158



Electronics recycling, tire collection, and paper shredding **ARE NOT** part of these events.

### HOW TO REGISTER

**Online:** [www.troyny.gov/hhw](http://www.troyny.gov/hhw)

**In-person:** the Mayor's Office at City Hall (433 River Street)

**Over phone:** call (518) 279-7313

*Pictured: a container of bleach, a pesticide container, and a red gasoline can.*

# What's a "Tangler"?

We covered it last year, but it's too important a topic not to revisit! We're going to go over what a **tangler** is and their impact on the recycling process.

A tangler is an object or item that, if it reaches the recycling facility, can cause damage to the equipment and potential harm to the employees. The name refers to how the item becomes tangled in the equipment. Examples include:

- **clothing hangers** (donate to community organizations or second hand store)
- **film plastic** (bring to retailers like grocery stores)
  - (plastic bags, bread bags, plastic wrap, garbage bags, etc)
- **wires and cords** (bring to electronics recycling event)
- **clothing and textiles** (see below!)



Pictured: a red t-shirt, a black coat hanger, a plastic shopping bag, and an electrical cord

In addition to tanglers, here are some other items that should stay out of your recycling bin:

- **rechargeable and single-use batteries**
  - use our drop-off program at the Alamo, or drop-off at STAPLES
- **clothing/textiles**
  - five bin locations throughout Troy
- **food and liquids**
  - bring your food scraps to the Alamo, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am to 1pm!
- **household hazardous waste**
  - our last event for 2023 is 10/14 in Bethlehem
- **bulky items** (furniture and appliances)
  - schedule a bulk pick-up at 518-270-4579
- **electronics**
  - Rensselaer County typically has an event in the Spring
- **yard materials** (branches, brush, bagged leaves)

## 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,  
bagged leaf and branch drop-off*

#### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT - BETHLEHEM

*Saturday, October 14 at Bethlehem Highway Garage*

*Advanced registration required: [www.troyny.gov/hhw](http://www.troyny.gov/hhw)*

*or contact City Recycling Specialist at [recycling@troyny.gov](mailto:recycling@troyny.gov) / (518) 279-7313*

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