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# RECYCLING MATTERS

FOR A WASTE-FREE COLLAR CITY

## "Team Recycle" Has Moved!

The Recycling Department has moved offices! We are now located at the Knickerbacker Arena, located at 191 103rd Street, Troy NY 12182. Our hours are still Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. We are excited to bring more folks to the Knickerbacker Arena and have reduction, reuse, and recycling information be a one-stop-shop.

## Available Services

During our operating hours, residents can stop by for:

- recycling bins
- recycling bin stickers
- City diversion program pamphlets
- City diversion program magnets
- reusable bags (when available)
- Deterra prescription deactivation bags
- and more!



*Pictured: a small blue recycling bin (16-gallon) and a larger blue recycling bin (22-gallon)*

**WHAT'S INSIDE OUR NEWSLETTER:**

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**SOLID WASTE PLAN**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**IMPORTANT LINKS**

## New York State Solid Waste Management Plan

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) released the final statewide **solid waste management plan**. This 10-year plan outlines the goals, objectives, and timeline for completion for items within solid waste and the circular economy. As they mention early on, the plan sets aggressive expectations for what New York State's solid waste stream will look like by 2032. Our [Comprehensive Recycling Analysis](#) for the City of Troy echoes objectives in the statewide plan.

### Solid Waste Plan's Six Major Focus Areas:

- waste reduction and reuse
- recycling and recycling market development and resiliency
- product stewardship and extended producer responsibility
- organics reduction and recycling
- toxics in products
- advanced design and operation of solid waste management facilities and related activities

Some of our highlights:

- **extended producer responsibility (EPR):** holding manufacturers/vendors accountable (financially and environmentally) for creating products that are easily repairable, reusable and recyclable. In our example, packaging and paper products generate lots of waste. It's time to take the burden off municipalities and consumers!

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- **food donation and food scrap recycling law:** as it stands, this law currently requires certain “large waste generators” who create an average of 2 tons of wasted food weekly to donate it or recycle the remaining scraps if within 25 miles of a facility. In other states with this law, the cap on wasted food for large waste generators decreases gradually to incorporate more of them and divert as much donatable food and scrap as possible.
- **a per ton disincentive surcharge for disposal of landfilled and combusted materials:** this means there would be a charge for landfilling or combusting materials. This is a **disincentive**, meaning it's meant to discourage folks from doing something. This discouragement can push people toward other, more favorable recovery and recycling methods.

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## 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, battery drop-off*

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## Important Links

We've made some changes to the Recycling pages on the website! To learn more about our programs, share info with friends, family, and neighbors, we've added a new section to the newsletter with important links. Underlined text is hyperlinked.

**Recycling Guide Database:** [www.troyny.gov/recyclingguide](http://www.troyny.gov/recyclingguide)

**Textile Reuse and Recycling Program:** [www.troyny.gov/textiles](http://www.troyny.gov/textiles)

**Rechargeable Battery Recycling Program:** [www.troyny.gov/batteries](http://www.troyny.gov/batteries)

**Food Scrap Drop-off:** [www.troyny.gov/foodscraps](http://www.troyny.gov/foodscraps)

**Recycling Information:** [www.troyny.gov/recycling](http://www.troyny.gov/recycling)

**Household Hazardous Waste Events:** [www.troyny.gov/hhw](http://www.troyny.gov/hhw)

**Electronics Recycling Events:** [www.troyny.gov/electronics](http://www.troyny.gov/electronics)

**Trash Information:** [www.troyny.gov/269/Garbage-Collection](http://www.troyny.gov/269/Garbage-Collection)



*Pictured: a red white and blue Uncle Sam style hat with a recycling symbol and a black search box with a link.*

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