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RECYCLING MATTERS

FOR A WASTE-FREE COLLAR CITY

Myth Busters: Recycling Edition

We're tackling some other recycling myths in this issue of Recycling Matters. Keep reading to learn about some items that may look recyclable but aren't as well as several of our upcoming events.

Items That Aren't Recyclable Curbside

- ceramics
- paper receipts
- tissues and paper towels
- window glass
- glass cups, wine glasses

Why Aren't These Items Recyclable Curbside?

Ceramics:

Ceramics include plates, cups, glasses and other dishes. These may seem recyclable (they are kind of like glass, right?) but they are not accepting in your curbside recycling bin. If they are still usable/in good condition, donate them or sell them! If not, sadly they must be thrown out. Wrap them in paper or plastic to reduce the likelihood of them ripping through your garbage bag.

Paper Receipts:

You might be asking yourself, "why in the world can't I recycle paper receipts? They're paper!" Well, they may be paper, but they're different than what's in your printer. The ink used on paper receipts is also special. Paper receipts should be kept with your other household garbage. We suggest going paperless wherever and whenever possible!

Window glass, glass cups, and wine glasses:

Here's another one - window glass, glass cups, and wine glasses. While glass items like bottles and glass jars can be recycled in your blue curbside bin, these other kinds of glass are manufactured at a different temperature and therefore can't be. If any of these are still in usable condition, try donating them! Window glass could be a great help to a non-profit who specializes in construction, while glasses and cups could do great at a secondhand store.

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*Pictured: a patterned
ceramic plate,
a paper receipt,
and a windowpane.*



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Rensselaer County Electronics Recycling Event

Saturday, March 23 at the New Rensselaer County Building

WHAT

Rensselaer County residents can bring their electronics to this event. No registration is required. Please verify your items are eligible to bring. Please call ProTek Recycling at (518) 874-1001 with questions. Hazardous waste is not accepted at this event.

WHEN

Saturday, March 23 from 9:30 AM to 1 PM

WHERE

99 Troy Road, East Greenbush, NY 12061



Pictured: a cell phone and laptop.

Paint Recycling Event

Saturday, April 6 at Hudson Valley Community College - North Drive Entrance

WHAT

Rensselaer County residents can bring their paint products for recycling to this paint-only event! There is no limit per household. Products must be in their original containers with labels on them. No leaking containers will be accepted. Registration is required.

WHEN

Saturday, April 6. Time slots will be assigned to help control traffic. Please check your spam and junk folders.

WHERE

80 Vandenburg Avenue, Troy NY 12180. Use the North Drive entrance. Event will be in Lot B.

HOW TO SIGN UP

Register online at: <https://circular.eco/event/rensselaer-paint-recycling-event>

Otherwise, call City Recycling Specialist at (518) 279-7313 to be registered manually.

WHAT'S ACCEPTED

- interior and exterior house paint
- oil based paint
- acrylic paint
- latex paint
- primers
- clear coatings
- stains
- shellacs
- lacquers
- varnishes

NOT ACCEPTED

- spray paint
- thinners
- solvents
- marine paint
- auto paint
- driveway sealers
- industrial paint
- household hazardous waste
- electronics
- household recyclables
- bulky items
- commercial loads
- garbage
- yard waste



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Upcoming Events

COMMUNITY-BASED SUSTAINABLE EVENTS

TROY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FACILITY (ALAMO) SERVICES

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 AM to 1 PM: food scrap drop-off, pallet pick-up, mulch pick-up, bagged leaf and branch drop-off, battery drop-off

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PAINT RECYCLING EVENT

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Important Links

Recycling Guide Database: www.troyny.gov/recyclingguide

Textile Reuse and Recycling Program: www.troyny.gov/textiles

Rechargeable Battery Recycling Program: www.troyny.gov/batteries

Food Scrap Drop-off: www.troyny.gov/foodscraps

Recycling Information: www.troyny.gov/recycling

Household Hazardous Waste Events: www.troyny.gov/hhw

Electronics Recycling Events: www.troyny.gov/electronics

Trash Information: 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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