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Be Part of Our County's Litter Solution

Volunteer to collect litter with OCRRA on April 21 or 22; register by April 14

Theresa Evans, Recycling Specialist

Have you ever wondered how you could personally make an immediate, positive difference for the local environment, as well as in the quality of life for you and your neighbors? It is easy! Join OCRRA's award-winning Earth Day Litter Cleanup campaign.

Organized community litter cleanup programs like this are an excellent way to get lots of people simultaneously involved in hands-on environmental conservation. Neighbors, colleagues, classmates and families all come together for a short time yet their collective efforts result in a massive physical impact on the environment. Further, when community members get involved in cleaning their neighborhoods, parks and open spaces, they are less likely to litter and more likely to keep them clean in the future.

Last year, more than 7,200 Onondaga County residents cared enough to make a difference in our



Huntington School students and parents and Girl Scout Troop 10714 amassed 30 bags of litter (including a lot of candy wrappers) cleaning along Sunnycrest Road and the school grounds during the 2016 Earth Day Litter Cleanup. Join groups like this for the 2017 Earth Day Litter Cleanup. Register at OCRRA.org or by filling out the form below. The deadline for registration is Friday, April 14.

community. They scoured the roadsides, streets, parks, ditches and gullies to collect over 95,000 pounds of litter (that is more than the weight of 30 electric cars).

Let us aim to make an even greater impact in 2017. Gather your co-workers for a lunchtime cleanup on Friday, April 21, or get your family, friends and neighbors together on Saturday, April 22. You could even do both.

In total, our community has collected more than 2,400,000 pounds of litter since OCRRA's first litter cleanup began 26 years ago.

How to Register:

Visit OCRRA.org, mail in the form below or call 453-2866. Groups will receive stickers to attach to their litter bags and instructions on where and when to take the bags for free disposal.

Theresa Evans can be reached at tevans@ocrra.org.

WHEN:
Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22.

WHERE:
Any public area in Onondaga County – your choice.

Register By:
Friday, April 14.



SHRED-O-RAMA... PG 2

Confidential paper shredding event hits NBT Bank Stadium on Saturday, May 6.



COMPOST PG 4

Learn about the three different ways you can get OCRRA Compost.



RECYCLING INSTRUCTIONS PG 5

Cut out this handy reference guide that reminds you what items go in the blue bin.



WASTE-TO-ENERGY PG 6

Understand the benefits of the capital improvements OCRRA is making to the Facility.



TV RECYCLING PG 7

Find out where you can recycle your old TVs.

2017 Earth Day Litter Cleanup Registration Form

Name of Group: _____ Number of Workers: _____

Name of Contact Person (one name only): _____

Address of Contact (where information/stickers are to be sent):

Street: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: (W) _____ (H) _____ (Fax) _____

E-Mail: _____

Day(s) Your Group Will Be Cleaning: Friday, April 21 Saturday, April 22 Both

You will receive two trash bag stickers per worker. Please indicate if you will need more.

Number of ADDITIONAL Stickers _____

Municipality (city/town/village) where you are cleaning. This info is used to provide instructions on litter drop off.

What area are you cleaning? _____

You may choose any public space in the county. Be as specific as possible to avoid cleanup overlap.

Register Online at
OCRRA.org

OR RETURN REGISTRATION
VIA FAX 453-2872
OR MAIL TO: OCRRA
100 Elwood Davis Road
North Syracuse, NY 13212

Registration
Deadline
April 14

Cleanup supplies are your group's responsibility. OCRRA provides stickers for free disposal through your municipality.

Any questions, please call OCRRA at 453-2866, ext. 202.

Shred Confidential Docs and Protect Your Identity

OCRRA partners with local shredding companies May 6 at NBT Bank Stadium to help community

Theresa Evans, Recycling Specialist

Safeguard your identity by shredding and recycling your confidential documents in bulk at OCRRA's spring Shred-o-Rama event. Bank information, tax forms, credit card statements, medical papers and more can all be shredded at no charge on Saturday, May 6, from 8 am to 12 pm at NBT Bank Stadium in Syracuse. No reservations are required to attend.

OCRRA asks attendees to:

- Bring no more than five banker size boxes per vehicle,
- Pack confidential documents, loosely, in durable boxes, containers or paper bags. Do not bring items in plastic bags as they slow down the shredding process,
- Remove binders or other non-paper items (plastic

bags; folders; spiral notebooks; laminated items; electronic media including computer disks, CDs, etc.). Staples, paperclips and tape are fine,

- Enter the stadium parking lot from the Grant Boulevard / Hiawatha Boulevard intersection,
- Stay in your vehicle.

Please note the event is **FREE** and open to **household residents** in Onondaga County only. Business materials will not be accepted. If your workplace needs shredding services, visit www.OCRRA.org for details on commercial shredding options.

Since OCRRA started hosting annual Shred-o-Rama events in 2004, more than **560 tons** of personal papers have been safely shredded and recycled in

Onondaga County.

Many thanks go to:

- The NBT Bank Stadium Facilities and Management Team, as well as the Syracuse Police, who respectively enable the use of the stadium's spacious parking lot and direct the traffic, resulting in a convenient and safe event.
- Confidata / SMR Fibre and Shred Solvers who provide a generous donation of staff time and mobile shredding vehicles.

Not able to attend the event in May? Have no fear - a second Shred-o-Rama event will take place in September 2017; stay tuned for details regarding the fall event.

Interested in reducing the amount of confidential documents you amass in the first place? Consider



Event staff empty confidential documents into Toters before shredding them at OCRRA's May 2016 Shred-o-Rama event. On Saturday, May 6, OCRRA again partners with Confidata and Shred Solvers for the spring event, which takes place at NBT Bank Stadium. The event is open to households only; reservations are NOT needed and the event is free.

signing up for e-statements with your bank, utilities, etc. and minimize the sensitive documents

you accumulate at home. Theresa Evans can be reached at tevans@ocrra.org.

Students Lead Charge with Cafeteria Waste Reduction

Theresa Evans, Recycling Specialist

A quarter of our community's trash is food scraps that could be turned into a material that enriches the soil of our lawns and gardens, instead of being discarded. Our waste is not really waste at all, it could be turned into compost.

Did you know that over 7,000 students, in 17 schools, across 5 districts in Onondaga County are already doing their part in combating this problem by participating in compost programs in their cafeterias? Our community's young people in the Marcellus, Jordan-Elbridge, Westhill, Fayetteville-Manlius and LaFayette school districts are leading the charge in the fight against excess school food waste. They are making a significant environmental impact every day because of this effort.

Composting at school is

not only a creative and efficient way to reduce cafeteria trash, it also serves as a valuable teaching tool. When students take part in a hands-on compost program, they explore threads of relevance that connect a wide array of curriculum standards such as environmental science, chemistry, mathematics, economics, sociology and communication.

Through food scrap recovery, students learn about local systems of food production and waste disposal. They are encouraged to think critically about their habits, as they learn what happens to their waste once it disappears into a compost bin or trash can.

How does cafeteria composting work in the local schools? It is a collaboration between school administration, custodial and food prep staffs, waste haulers,

OCRRA and the students themselves.

All students, whether they bring or buy lunch, separate their uneaten food scraps for composting by scraping leftovers into the proper receptacle. All food scraps are brought to OCRRA's Amboy Compost Facility in Camillus where they are turned into a nutrient-rich soil amendment that bolsters plant growth.

"Since starting the composting program in two of our school buildings, I observed a drastic drop in trash," said Jordan-Elbridge Director of Facilities, Vinny Smith. "On a daily basis, we would have produced about 16 bags of trash [from the cafeteria]. Now we are down to just four bags of trash per day. The trend is continuing, and recycling is also increasing as a result."

At Enders Road Elemen-



Students at Jordan-Elbridge Middle School separate their cafeteria food scraps from their recycling and trash. Their school is one of 17 in Onondaga County that send their food scraps to OCRRA to be turned into nutrient-rich compost. Contact your child's elementary, middle or high school principal to request their school get involved in this innovative waste reduction effort.

tary School in Manlius, the total number of cafeteria trash bags per day went from 10 bags down to 2 bags as a result of the cafeteria compost program. That is an 80% reduction in their daily cafeteria trash.

Will your child's school come on board next? Will

your district help lead our community to environmental excellence? Call your principal today to voice your support for cafeteria composting, and encourage them to contact OCRRA right away to get started.

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FACT: Plastic bags do NOT go in the blue bin. Return clean bags to the grocery store for recycling.



The Garden GURU

Terry Ettinger
Instructional Support Specialist, SUNY - ESF

One of the more significant milestones in my horticultural career occurred during the summer of 1993 when my wife and I bought our first pickup truck. Soon after, I started referring to it as my “mulch-mobile,” as I no longer had to haul mulch from the compost site to our home in buckets and plastic bins stuffed into the back seat and trunk of my tiny Nissan Sentra.

I’m sure you may have had – or maybe still have – the same experience each year when you visit the Amboy and / or Jamesville Compost Sites...

So, what are your options if you don’t have a mulch-mobile – and family, friends or neighbors don’t either?

One option is to rent a pickup or small flatbed truck from a local vehicle rental company or a big-box store. If you split the cost with a neighbor, for far less than \$100 per day, your delivery woes will be a thing of the past.

Another option might be to explore the new, Syracuse-based truck-hailing service, Truxx (www.truxxit.com). I have not used the service and, therefore can’t offer a personal recommendation, but you download the app, put in a request, and one of the service’s drivers will contact you for details.

And, though easy to overlook, many local landscape and trucking companies

offer hauling services, too.

“We have nine and eighteen ton capacity dump trucks that have multiple compartments,” says Todd Schanbacher, President of Green Scapes in Jamesville. “That way, if one homeowner needs three (cubic) yards of compost or mulch, and their neighbor needs eight yards, we can accommodate both in one delivery, reducing the cost.”

And, if having a pile of compost or mulch sitting in your driveway for a week or two while you gradually spread it throughout your landscape and garden isn’t an option, Schanbacher says his company can deliver OCRRA compost or mulch in one and one-half cubic yard, reinforced nylon “bulk bags.” The bag keeps the mulch from blowing around and when it’s empty they’ll pick

Three Ways to Haul Compost or Mulch Without a Truck



With OCRRA’s new compost and mulch loading service you can readily get large volumes of material for a great price, but what if you don’t have a truck or trailer to haul it? Rent or use the internet (www.Truxxit.com) to get a truck or hire a local landscape and trucking company to transport your compost or mulch for you.

it up, or you can return it to their store.

So, while you may not have a mulch-mobile of your own, there are enough reasonably priced options

available, that you probably don’t need to fill the trunk of your car with mulch or compost!

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Recycling Rhoda



Cleaning Out Your Household Hazardous Waste

Talks Trash – and Recycling!

Dear Rhoda,

This year, with spring cleaning in mind, I am determined to finally tackle my garage. I hate to admit this, but, there are things in my garage that have been there since I bought my house - in 1987! Thirty years later, it's truly time to get rid of this junk, and I'm hoping you can provide some guidance.

I'm clear on what to do with the cardboard (recycle it) and the obvious trash items (throw them out), but what should I do with the ancient paints, old gasoline, and garden pesticides leftover from the last millennium?

Procrastinating in Pompey

Dear Procrastinating,

Thank goodness for spring cleaning! Said no one ever. Except today, says Rhoda, because OCRRA has a Household Hazardous Waste Program where you can drop off unwanted toxic items for sound environmental disposal, at no charge.

There are a boatload of items in a modern household that should NEVER go in the trash or down the drain - or in the backyard (shudder). So, OCRRA set up this nifty year-round program specifically for household toxics including

automotive products, cleaning supplies, smoke detectors, lighter fluid, oil-based paints*, mercury thermometers, and more.

The drop off runs by appointment only, year-round, Monday-Friday. Visit: OCRRA.org, or call OCRRA at 453-2866, to make an appointment today! Once your appointment is set, you will receive instructions on how to prepare your items and directions on where to bring them (Environmental Products and Services of Vermont, located on State Fair Boulevard in Syracuse).

The Household Hazardous Waste Program serves residences in the OCRRA Service Area (Onondaga County, excluding the Town and Village of Skaneateles), and is supported in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Have I said it yet? Never, NEVER put household toxics in your blue bin.

Never.

Ever.

Not even once.

Nope.

Don't even think about it.

When household toxics end up in the blue bin (or

the trash), their containers are likely to break, which endangers you, your neighbors, the waste hauler and the environment. So don't do it, okey-dokey?

Oh, and, maybe, just maybe don't wait 30 years to declutter...

Recycling Rhoda

**Latex paints are non-hazardous and should be dried out and placed in the trash with the tops off. Some inexpensive kitty litter can be used to soak up the paint.*

OCRRA Compost is a Sure Bet

Ann Fordock, Recycling Operations Manager

Are you thinking of starting a new garden or expanding an existing garden? Or will you be re-potting plants this spring? If so, OCRRA has an ace up our sleeve for you! Using one of OCRRA's two types of Certified Compost (1/4" and 1/2" screened) offers many benefits:

- Adds nutrients and organic matter to the soil, so plants grow better,
- Helps retain moisture, so you water less,
- Naturally suppresses plant diseases, so your garden stays healthy,

- Reduces the need for chemicals and pesticides, so you keep pollutants out of our water supply.

OCRRA's Certified Composts are made from a blend of local yard waste and food waste, and are registered Pride of NY products. OCRRA's Certified Composts are tested to meet the US Composting Council's Seal of Testing Assurance standards. This means you always get safe, consistent, weed-free and seed-free compost to nurture your soils and plants.

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OCRRA's Certified Composts (1/2" or 1/4" screened) are available for purchase at the Amboy and Jamesville Compost Sites in bulk (by the yard). You can also get 1/2" Compost with a Site Pass (3 yards that you load yourself or that we load for you). The 1/4" Compost is also sold by the 1 cubic foot bag at over 30 local retailers. Visit OCRRA.org to purchase a pass online or to find the retailer closest to you.

Mother's Day Gift Idea

Is your mom (or dad) an avid gardener? Well, look no further for your Mother's Day (or Father's Day) gift. Buy an OCRRA Compost Site Pass online! There are several types of passes available, with price points at \$20, \$35 and \$50; one is sure to fit the bill. Visit OCRRA.org to order online.

For timely arrival, all Mother's Day or Father's Day orders must be made 10 days in advance of the holiday. When ordering, please specify Mother's Day or Father's Day delivery.



Three Ways to Get OCRRA Compost

Get a Site Pass*

Buy a Compost Site Pass online:
www.tinyurl.com/2017CompostPass

- **Plus Pass costs \$35** and allows for the self-loading of three cubic yards of 1/2" screened compost (you can also drop off unlimited amounts of yard and food waste),
- **Premium Pass costs \$50** and OCRRA will load up to three cubic yards of 1/2" screened compost to your truck or trailer (you can also drop off unlimited amounts of yard and food waste).

Buy in Bulk

Purchase both types of compost by the yard at the Amboy or Jamesville Compost Site

- OCRRA General Purpose Compost (1/2" screened) costs \$15 per cubic yard; OCRRA loads your truck or trailer for you.
- Premium Compost (1/4" screened) costs \$25 per cubic yard; it is loaded for you and is only available at the Amboy Compost Site.

Purchase by the Bag

Buy 1 cubic foot bags (~40 lbs.)
at over 30 local retailers

- Each store sets its own price point for this 1/4" screened compost. Check out page 5 for a list of retailers or visit www.tinyurl.com/Compost-2017 to find the location nearest you.

**Both the Plus and Premium Pass allow for mulch pick-up too. (3 cubic yards of compost OR 6 cubic yards of mulch.)*

OCRRA COMPOST SITES

AMBOY COMPOST SITE

6296 Airport Road, Camillus

JAMESVILLE COMPOST SITE

4370 Route 91, Jamesville

Hours at both sites*:

December 1 – March 31:

Monday–Friday, 7:30 am–4:00 pm.

April 1 – November 30:

Monday–Saturday, 7:30 am–4:00 pm.

** Holiday Closings: New Year's Day, Memorial Day Weekend, Independence Weekend, Labor Day Weekend, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.*

Buy OCRRA's Bagged Compost at the Following Local Retailers*:

- Ace Village Hardware: Baldwinsville, Fayetteville, Weedsport
- Aspinall's Tree Nursery & Landscaping, Chittenango
- Ballantyne Gardens, Liverpool
- Buyea's True Value, Cazenovia
- B'ville Supply, Baldwinsville
- Carol Watson Greenhouse, LaFayette
- CountryMax Stores: Cicero, Dewitt, Cortland, Norwich, Seneca Falls
- Deaton's Agway, Pulaski
- EverGreen Landscaping & Garden Center, Syracuse
- Green Acres Garden Center, Liverpool
- Green Hills Farms, Syracuse
- Greenscapes, Jamesville
- Lan's Flower Farm, Clay
- Lee's Feed Store, Syracuse
- Maldonado Gardens, Elbridge
- Manlius True Value Hardware, Manlius
- Neil Casey's Farm Market, Tully
- Oliver B. Paine Greenhouses, Fulton
- Silver Spring Farm Market, Syracuse
- Skaneateles Town Square Ace Hardware, Skaneateles
- T.J.'s Lawns Plus, Phoenix
- Valley View Gardens, Cortland
- Vollmer Farms & Farm Market, East Syracuse
- Wagner Farms, Rome
- Watson Farms, Lafayette
- Westvale Gardens, Syracuse
- Zerrillo Gardens, East Syracuse



*Each retailer sets their own price. Call ahead for details.

RECYCLE



Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs and Softcover Books
Keep loose, don't tie.



Papers, Mail, Envelopes



Cardboard, Pizza, Pasta and Cereal Boxes
Flatten.



#1 and #2 Plastic BOTTLES
Empty and rinse.



Cans and Jars
Empty and rinse out, labels are okay.



#5 Plastic Tubs
Empty and rinse, no lids.

Save the world a little each day.



Want to know about an item not listed? Try our searchable database at OCRRA.org

OCRRA's 2016 Achievements

1

Collected more than 15,000 **mercury containing fluorescent lamps** (4 tons+) in partnership with local Ace, TrueValue and Valu Home Center hardware stores.

Over 92,000 fluorescent lamps collected / recycled since 2007.

2

Improved or **established recycling programs** at over 65 apartment complexes, 130 schools and 130 local businesses.

3

Organized more than 7,200 volunteers who collected over 95,000 pounds of litter as part of OCRRA's annual **Earth Day Cleanup program**.

Over 2 million pounds of litter collected since 1994!

4

Received **GreeningUSA's Sustaining Our Community Award** for our **Earth Day Litter Cleanup program** and the **Solid Waste Association of North America's Gold Excellence Award** for our **interactive education program**.

5

Composted 6,900 tons of **food waste**, which is a 138% increase over the amount of waste composted in 2015.

OCRRA's Amboy Compost Site is the largest municipal food scrap recycling facility in New York State.

TODAY'S RECYCLING



TOMORROW'S RESOURCES

See how at OCRRA.org

WASTE-TO-ENERGY | COMPOSTING | RECYCLING

OCRRA Invests in WTE Facility Improvements

Amy Miller, OCRRA Engineer

The Onondaga County Waste-to-Energy (WTE) Facility has a 22-year track record of operational and environmental excellence. As the foundation of OCRRA's environmentally-sound and innovative resource recovery system, the WTE Facility annually converts over 325,000 tons of non-recyclable trash into electricity. That is enough to power the Facility itself and approximately 30,000 households, while also recovering about 9,000 tons of metal. The Facility uses advanced air pollution controls to ensure compliance with a strict air permit. Without this Facility, garbage would be hauled many miles to out-of-County landfills, as was

the case before the Facility was constructed. Instead, the WTE Facility enables responsible, local management of the community's non-recyclable waste.

In 2015, OCRRA extended its ownership of the Facility's capacity, and partnership with Covanta Energy (the Facility operator) through 2035. As part of the agreement, OCRRA committed to funding \$15 million in capital improvements to the WTE Facility that would ensure its long-term reliability through at least 2035. These projects have been underway over the past two years, and we are already seeing tangible benefits from efficiency, reliability, safety and emissions perspectives.

Of particular note, significant improvements are being made to the steel components of the air emissions control section of the Facility, which will improve the overall efficiency and reliability of the Facility. As part of this project, a new type of spray-on insulation was applied in place of traditional insulation and siding. This innovative approach has led to increased worker safety and improved monitoring ability.

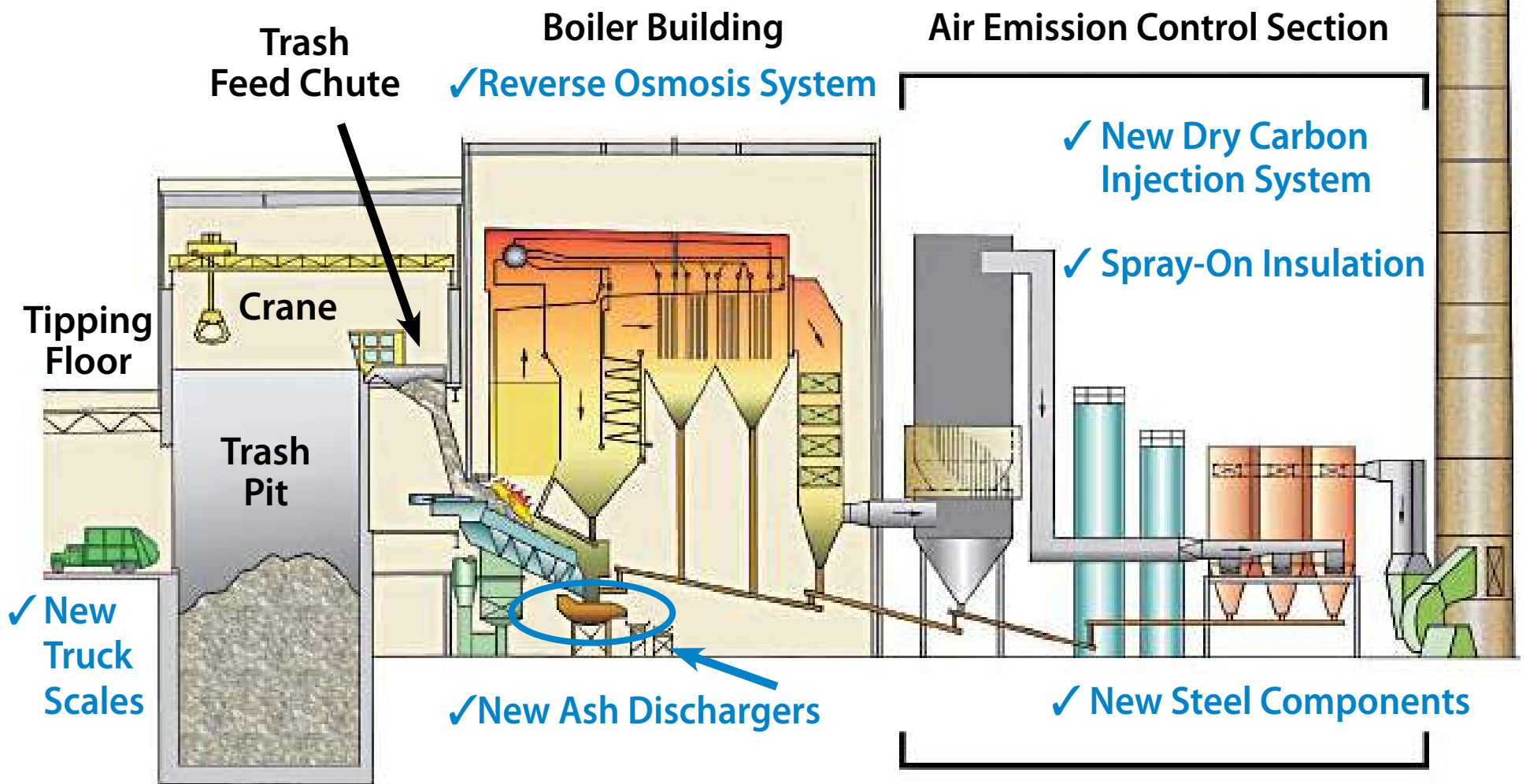
Other upgrades include replacement of the existing truck scales, an upgrade to a reverse osmosis system for boiler water treatment to replace the existing, outdated demineralizer treatment system, an upgrade to a dry carbon injection sys-

tem (from a wet injection system) for improved emissions control and efficiency, and new and improved ash dischargers for increased boiler reliability. As a result of the new dry carbon injection system, the Facility has had its lowest mercury emissions of all time, in fact the emissions were so low they were below laboratory detection limits, as indicated in the 2016 air emissions testing results (available on OCRRA.org).

These projects exemplify teamwork and collaboration; Covanta, OCRRA, OCRRA's WTE engineering consultant (HDR, Inc. of Syracuse), and many contractors continue to see great results from "pulling in the same direction."

OCRRA would like to extend sincere gratitude to Stan Longo, Covanta Onondaga Facility Manager, for working tirelessly on ensuring the success of these projects, while also striving for excellence in Facility operations. Stan, thanks for all you do on a daily basis to make sure that the Onondaga County WTE Facility continues to be one of the top performing WTE facilities throughout the country.

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PLASTIC BAGS:
Cannot go in the blue bin – recycle them at big box stores or supermarkets.

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Show Your Green On St. Patty's Day

Make an appointment to properly dispose of your household toxics through OCRRA's free drop off program. (This can be done year-round, not just in March.)

Oil-based paints, automotive products, garden supplies, cleaning chemicals, fluorescent light bulbs, mercury thermometers / thermostats and more are accepted.

Monday – Friday, 6:30 am – 6:00 pm;
register at OCRRA.org and give the gift of "green" to future generations.



From the Executive Director's Desk...

Save the World a Little Each Day

DERETH GLANCE, Executive Director, OCRRA

Thank you for saving the world a little each day. Every tin can, milk jug, pile of junk mail and day old newspaper you place in the blue bin conserves resources. Recycling these items means they get to live another life without having to mine raw resources. Our community's commitment to sustainable solid waste is one of the many reasons to be proud to call Onondaga County home.

More than a tag line, the Onondaga County community "saves the world a little each day" by supporting and participating in a sustainable solid waste system that is reliable, environmentally sound and fiscally responsible. In Onondaga County, recycling is convenient, landfilling trash is minimized, and metal and energy resources are recovered.

The Onondaga County community boasts one of the largest litter clean up events in North America

and excels in responsible curbside recycling. Less than 5% of the items placed in the blue bin are actually trash. Good job, folks.

In the early 1980s, Onondaga County requested that the NYS Legislature create OCRRA to steward solid waste management in our community. OCRRA became operational in 1990 and for more than a quarter-century it has evolved to serve our community's needs. Every day, OCRRA composts food and yard waste, conducts award-winning public education outreach efforts, including to all schools in Onondaga County, operates trash facilities and oversees the Waste-to-Energy Facility.

OCRRA facilitates our community's sustainable solid waste system with more than a little help from a network of private and public partners. As a public benefit corporation, OCRRA insulates local partners, such as haul-

ers and recycling facilities from the volatility of market forces, which ensures that the reliable and essential public service of solid waste management continues in strong and weak economic times.

Greatness must be renewed, and it is through public engagement that OCRRA is able to collaborate with the community to turn what would be "one man's trash into our County's treasure." OCRRA's dedicated Board of Directors and its staff are first-class in their passion and professionalism for recovering resources from what we commonly call "trash." However, it is your voice that is truly essential. Get active with OCRRA on social media and join the almost 10,000 folks keeping up with OCRRA on Facebook. **OCRRA.org** houses a litany of tools for the home, business, classroom and more. You can schedule an appoint-

ment to drop off household toxics, find out the best way to dispose of any waste, register for Earth Day and discover when the next OCRRA event or meeting is happening.

Keep saving the world a little each day. Together we do make a difference.

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OCRRA's tagline, "Save the World a Little Each Day," reminds us that everyone's small, daily actions add up to large-scale environmental conservation. Whether through recycling, composting or trash conversion to energy, we are all working together to make a healthier environment for future generations. Thanks for doing your part.

OCRRA Spotlight Dorsey Williams

Title: Laborer II.

Start Date: January 29, 2016.

Fun Fact: Dorsey is an avid sports fan, especially of SU (basketball / football) and the Dallas Cowboys.

What makes OCRRA great?:

"The many opportunities you have to learn all aspects of the business from start to finish, including how to operate different pieces of machinery."



Dorsey Williams stands in the Carrier Dome enjoying Syracuse University's 76-53 basketball win over Boston College on Saturday, January 14, 2017. Some 21,625 other fans joined Dorsey, a long-time season ticket holder, at this game including his dad, who sits right next to OCRRA's Accountant, Vince Latorre, in Section 319!

OCRRA Announces New Board Member Appointment

OCRRA welcomes Anthony J. Geiss, Jr. of Van Buren to its board of directors.

Anthony J. Geiss, Jr.



Geiss has over 45 years of engineering experience, most recently having served as the Deputy Director and Chief Engineer at the Onondaga County Water Authority.

Prior to that, Geiss managed the design and construction of municipal facilities with O'Brien and Gere Engineers.

Geiss also served 35 years on the Town of Van Buren Planning and Zoning Board.

Television Recycling



The Salvation Army on Erie Boulevard in Syracuse accepts working and non-working TVs of any size for free. TVs cannot be physically broken. Call (315) 445-0520 before dropping items off.

Best Buy locations and Battery World (East Molloy Road, Syracuse) accept TVs for a fee, pending size. Call ahead for details.



QUESTION OF THE QUARTER

Q: How do I recycle smoke detectors?

A: Smoke detectors contain a radioactive element and should not go in the trash, so thanks for asking. First, contact the manufacturer and ask about their take back programs.

If you have other household toxics that need to be properly managed besides your smoke detector, make an appointment for OCRRA's Household Hazardous Waste Program. This is a Monday – Friday, 6:30 am – 6:00 pm operation where you can drop off a host of items

(including oil-based paints, automotive supplies, garden supplies, etc.), free of charge – thanks to OCRRA and a grant from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. You must make a reservation in advance of dropping off your materials.

Visit OCRRA.org to make a reservation.



OCRRA Drop-Off Sites: Acceptable Material

ACCEPTABLE WASTE (C&D)

- Bricks, concrete and masonry (size restrictions apply.)
- Electrical wiring
- Glass
- Metal (small quantities.)
- Non-asbestos insulation
- Paint cans (must be empty and dry. Lids must be off.)
- Plumbing fixtures
- Roofing shingles
- Siding
- Wall covering, drywall, plaster, etc.
- Wood, untreated (including pallets - size restrictions apply.)

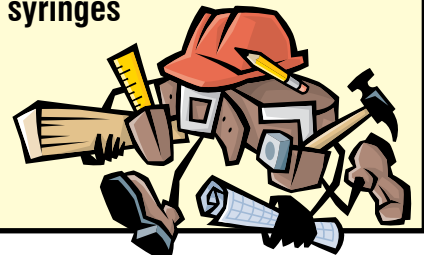
ACCEPTABLE WASTE (Trash)

- Carpeting
- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Metal (no large machinery.)
- Microwaves (surcharge applies.)
- Tires (surcharge applies. Less than ten only, no tires by the ton; off road tires are not acceptable.)
- White goods (surcharge for items with refrigerants.)
- Wood, treated (size restrictions apply.)

The acceptable materials listed here can be received at either of our Drop-Off Sites. This list is not all-inclusive. Please contact us if you have a question about a waste not listed.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Asbestos-contaminated material, including transite
- Electronic waste including computers and televisions
- Explosives
- Liquid wastes
- Propane tanks and compressed gas cylinders
- Radioactive materials, including smoke detectors
- Sharps and syringes
- Yardwaste



OCRRA Drop-Off Site: HOURS

ROCK CUT ROAD

5808 ROCK CUT ROAD, JamESVILLE, 13078

• **RESIDENTIAL USERS:**

Tuesday – Saturday: 7:00 am to 2:30 pm

LEY CREEK

5158 LEY CREEK DRIVE, LIVERPOOL, 13088

• **RESIDENTIAL USERS:**

Second and fourth Saturday of each month: 8:00 am to 12 pm

• **COMMERCIAL AND PERMITTED USERS:**

Monday – Friday: 7:00 am to 2:00 pm

Second and fourth Saturday of each month: 8:00 am to 12 pm

Both sites are closed on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

OCRRA Drop-Off Site: FEES

FLAT RATE FEES (both sites):

- Cars, mini-vans, sport utility vehicles (SUVs) **\$15**
- Pickup trucks, vans, single-axle trailers **\$30**
(Loads may be assessed an additional fee, depending on vehicle modifications or load size)

SCALE FEES (Ley Creek only):

- Trash (MSW) per ton (for business users with an OCRRA permit) **\$89 / ton**
- Trash (MSW) per ton (for users without an OCRRA permit) **\$104 / ton**
- Construction debris **\$48 / ton**
- Roofing material **\$39 / ton**
- Clean wood **\$35 / ton**
- Minimum scale charge **\$25**



Mark Your Calendar

COMPOST SEASON KICKS OFF **APRIL 1**

Buy a Compost Site Pass or Buy in Bulk See page 4 for details.



APRIL 21 & 22

Register at OCRRA.org by **April 14.**

SHRED-o-RAMA

SATURDAY, MAY 6

NBT Bank Stadium 8 am - Noon

Enter from Grant Blvd.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

YEAR-ROUND

At various local businesses.

See page 7 for details.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF

Year-Round by Appointment ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS & SERVICES

6:30 am – 6:00 pm

Register at OCRRA.org.