



Ley Creek Transfer Station Closed, Residential Service Moved to Rock Cut Road

Will Wallak, Public Information Officer

OCRRA's residential drop-off service has come full circle and now features expanded hours after moving back to Rock Cut Road Transfer Station on June 13.

It was just a few years ago that residential service relocated to Ley Creek so OCRAA could redevelop the Rock Cut Road Transfer Station commercial service. Now it's Ley Creek's turn to reinvent itself.

Rock Cut Road Residential Drop-off Hours:	
Monday – Friday 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Saturday 8:00 am – noon

Rock Cut Road is only open to commercial customers until 2:30 pm weekdays. Due to large commercial truck traffic and safety concerns, residents are asked not to arrive early. Residential customers will be turned away if they show up during commercial drop-off hours, and vice versa.

“Rock Cut Road’s residential prices are the same as they were at Ley Creek, and services are nearly identical,” said Kevin Spillane, OCRRA’s executive director. “Residents can still drop off their trash, recycling, construction and demolition materials, appliances, mattresses, tires and food scraps. However, there are a few items that we cannot take at the new facility because they fall under new regulations.”



Rock Cut Road Transfer Station
5808 Rock Cut Road, Jamesville, NY 13078

Rock Cut Road’s New York State Department of Environmental Conservation operating permit is different than Ley Creek’s permit. As a result, the Rock Cut Road Transfer Station cannot accept batteries, fluorescent bulbs, mercury thermometers and mercury thermostats. To safely dispose of these items, visit **OCRRA.org** for available options.

Ley Creek closed on June 11 until further notice. OCRRA is currently assessing what’s next for the site.

For updates and more information on OCRRA’s transfer stations and residential disposal services, please visit **OCRRA.org** and join OCRRA’s email list.

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Rock Cut Road Residential Fees

OCRRA’s Rock Cut Road residential fees are the same as they were at Ley Creek. In addition to cash and checks, credit cards are now accepted at Rock Cut Road.

Trash Disposal Flat Rates

Visit www.tinyurl.com/debridisposal for acceptable items.

- Cars and minivans: \$15
- Pickup trucks, SUVs, vans, trailers: \$30
Larger vehicles/loads may cost more. Visit www.tinyurl.com/ocrra-res-overload for details.
- Untarped vehicle fee: \$25

Trash By the Bag

Alternatively, residents may drop-off trash in bags. Simply purchase trash bag stickers for \$3 each (10-sticker minimum purchase), online or at the site. You do not pay the vehicle entrance fee if you dispose of bags of trash using stickers.

Recycling

Residential recyclable drop-off: \$2 per visit, regardless of volume. (If you bring ONLY recyclables, you do not

pay the flat rate entrance fee based on vehicle type.) Visit www.tinyurl.com/RecyclingRules for acceptable items.

Food Scraps

We accept food scraps from residents who hold a current Compost Site Pass. See www.tinyurl.com/CompostSites for acceptable items or to buy a pass.

Additional Disposal Fees – Special Items

Fees charged in addition to regular disposal fees above. These charges defray the cost of properly disposing of these items in compliance with environmental regulations.

- Appliances with refrigerants (CFCs): \$15 each
- Mattresses: \$15 each
- Microwaves: \$5 each
- Passenger tires up to 20” in diameter (Rims must be removed. No tires over 20”, no off-road or tractor tires. Limit 10 tires.): \$7 each

If you ONLY drop off these special items, you do not pay the flat rate entrance fee based on vehicle type.



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Recycle paints easily at many free drop-off locations.



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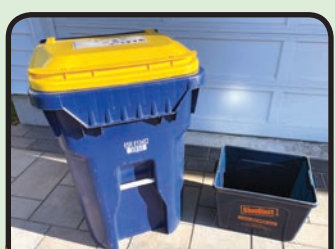
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PaintCare Makes it Easier to Dispose of Paint

Will Wallak, Public Information Officer

New York has a new program, PaintCare www.paintcare.org, that makes recycling unwanted paints and paint products easier by offering many free drop-off locations.

PaintCare accepts interior/exterior latex and oil-based paints, primers, stains, sealers, clear coatings such as shellac and varnish, and more. See below for PaintCare accepted items. If your item is not a PaintCare accepted item, check OCRRA's household toxics accepted list here www.tinyurl.com/OCRRAtoxics to see if you need to make an OCRRA household toxics drop-off appointment.

Visit www.paintcare.org/drop-off-sites to search by zip code for a free PaintCare drop-off site near you. The PaintCare program is open to all residents and businesses in Onondaga County as well as throughout New York State. Most locations accept up to 5 gallons per visit and some locations take more. To be accepted for drop-off, paint products must be in their original containers of no larger than 5 gallons in size,

must have the original manufacturer's printed label on the container, and must be covered with a secured lid. Aerosol (spray paint), leaking, unlabeled or empty containers are not accepted.

Funding for the PaintCare program is through a small fee charged on most containers of paint that you buy in the store. Here in New York, the fee is \$0.95 on a gallon can of paint.

OCRRA's Household Toxics Drop-off program provider, Miller Environmental Group, is also a PaintCare drop-off site. If you are only dropping off PaintCare accepted products, appointments are not necessary. If you are dropping off household toxics or both household toxics and PaintCare items, please visit www.tinyurl.com/OCRRAtoxics and make an appointment.

For questions about the PaintCare program, call 1-855-PAINT09 (1-855-724-6809) or email info@paint.org.

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PAINTCARE ACCEPTED ITEMS

The following are PaintCare products included in the program. When purchased, the PaintCare fee is applied. These products are accepted at no additional cost when dropped off at PaintCare's participating drop-off sites.

- Interior and exterior architectural paints: latex, acrylic, water-based, alkyd, oil-based, enamel (including textured coatings)
- Deck coatings, floor paints (including elastomeric)
- Primers, sealers, undercoaters
- Stains
- Shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes (single component)
- Waterproofing concrete/masonry/wood sealers and repellents (not tar or bitumen-based)
- Metal coatings, rust preventatives
- Field and lawn paints

If you do not see your paint-related item listed here, contact PaintCare at 1-855-PAINT09 (1-855-724-6809) or info@paint.org.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

The following are non-PaintCare products and are not included in the program. When purchased, the PaintCare fee is not applied. They are not accepted at PaintCare's participating drop-off sites.

- Paint thinners, mineral spirits, solvents
- Aerosol paints (spray cans)
- Auto and marine paints
- Art and craft paints
- Caulking compounds, epoxies, glues, adhesives
- Paint additives, colorants, tints, resins
- Wood preservatives (containing pesticides)
- Roof patch and repair
- Asphalt, tar and bitumen-based products
- 2-component coatings
- Deck cleaners
- Traffic and road marking paints
- Industrial Maintenance (IM) coatings
- Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) (shop application) paints and finishes
- Containers that are leaking or empty, and containers without the original printed manufacturer's label are not accepted at retail drop-off sites



Photo Credit: PaintCare, 2022.

What's the Right Way to Get Rid of Vaping Devices?

Will Wallak, Public Information Officer

The increasing use of vaporizers or vaping devices—also known as vapes, vape pens and electronic cigarettes—has recently led to questions about their proper disposal. Can they be recycled? Are these small electronic items considered e-waste? Let's break it down.

All vaping devices use a battery. Most are rechargeable, although single-use disposable vapes are becoming more common. Some of the devices with rechargeable batteries are removable/user replaceable. Others have a battery sealed inside the vape casing that is not meant to be removed.

So, what's the proper way to dispose of these small battery powered devices? New York State law does not consider vaping devices to be e-waste. Thus, they

are not required to be recycled, but they can be recycled. Just don't place them in your curbside recycling bin.

If you want to recycle your vapes—both rechargeable and disposable—they can be dropped off at Bruin Recycling in Liverpool (www.bruinrecycling.com). No need to remove the battery. Alternatively, vapes can be placed in the trash. If the battery is removable, take it out and properly dispose of it separately (see OCRRA.org for details) before trashing the vape.

What about vape cartridges? All vaping devices except disposable units feature a removable cartridge that contains vaping liquid. All cartridges—whether empty, full or partially full—can be brought to a "Sharps,



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Needles and Drug Disposal" (SNADD) drop box location (see list here www.tinyurl.com/MedDisposalOptions).

SNADD is an Onondaga County program that offers a solution for the safe disposal of household prescription and over-the-counter medications. Most SNADD drop boxes are located

at police stations. If it is not convenient to dispose of your vape cartridges at a SNADD drop box, simply place them in the trash.

To find disposal options for just about any item, type it into OCRRA's searchable database at www.tinyurl.com/recyclinglist.

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Recycling Rhoda

Appliances with Refrigerant

Dear Rhoda,

I live in the city, where pavement and buildings make it about 10 degrees hotter than the official forecast. When it hit 90 degrees this spring, I tried to use our window AC unit, but it didn't work! What do I do with this old contraption?

— Sweltering in Sedgwick

Dear Sweltering,

That is a great question with an easy answer! Just bring your air conditioner to the OCRRA Rock Cut Road Transfer Station's new residential drop-off location. Hours are Monday – Friday 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm and Saturday 8:00 am – noon. The new set up even accepts credit cards. Of course, you can still use cash or check, too.

There is a \$15 fee to dispose of any appliance with refrigerant. That includes your window air conditioner, along with heat pumps, refrigerators, freezers and dehumidifiers, to name a few. That fee covers the special handling of these appliances by the OCRRA team. If you're also dropping off trash (does not apply to trash bags

with stickers) along with your appliance with refrigerant, a vehicle entry fee of \$15 or \$30 will apply (based on vehicle type/load size).

Appliances like the ones I just listed typically use hydrofluorocarbons, which replaced the old ozone eating chlorofluorocarbon refrigerants of the past. This is great news for that protective layer of the atmosphere and those of us who sunburn easily! On the other hand, they are still greenhouse gases. So, if they aren't contained those 90-degree days that were once very rare for May in Syracuse become more likely. Thankfully, you can help keep them contained!

When you have an appliance with refrigerant that no longer works, bring it to OCRRA or to another entity permitted by the EPA with the right tools to safely collect the material. OCRRA will get those ironic heat trapping coolants out of your appliance, so they can be recycled to keep us cool, instead of escaping into the atmosphere and making us hotter.

Stay frosty, my friend!

Recycling Rhoda

Get Your Summer Gardening Done with OCRRA Compost and Mulch

How to Buy Compost and Mulch

1) Fill Your Trunk

If you are looking for less than a cubic yard of mulch or compost and have a car, mini-van or SUV, you may self-load with the trunkload option. **No site pass is needed.**

- ½" General Compost: **\$10 / trunkload.**
- Double Ground Wood Mulch: **\$5 / trunkload.**



2) Buy it by the Yard

Mulch and compost can be purchased in bulk; OCRRA will load your truck or trailer for you. There is no self-loading and no site pass is needed. A pass is only needed if you are looking to drop off material. Don't have a truck or trailer? Check out a list of local haulers that will deliver mulch and compost to you by the yard, see list below, right.



- ½" General Compost: **\$15 / cubic yard.**
- ¼" inch Premium Compost: **\$20 / cubic yard.**
- Double Ground Wood Mulch: **\$12 / cubic yard.**

3) Buy Compost in Bags

OCRRA compost is available at more than 30 retail locations (¼" Premium Compost only). Each store sets its own price point. Check page 5 for a list of retailers, which can also be found at OCRRA.org.



Visit OCRRA's award-winning Compost Sites and help "Save the World a Little Each Day," while also creating beautiful landscapes and gardens at home.



Photo Credit: iStock.com, 2021.

Site Hours

Jamesville Compost Site

4370 Route 91
Jamesville

Seasonally open to residents

April 1 to November 19

Thursday – Saturday

7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Amboy Compost Site

6296 Airport Road
Camillus

Open to residents

April 1 to November 19

Monday – Saturday

7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Residential Mulch & Compost Haulers

The businesses listed below may be contacted to haul materials from OCRRA Compost Sites

HAULER	PHONE	BASED IN	SINGLE TRIP MAX VOLUME*
Al/Paco	(315) 806-4438	Syracuse: Serving Onondaga County	5 cu. yds
Alan Seabrook	(315) 481-9677	Syracuse: Serving Onondaga County	7 cu. yds.
Bill Guptill	(315) 345-5451	Nedrow	6 cu. yds.
Custom Lawn-Scapes, Inc.	(315) 458-4921	North Syracuse: Serving Onondaga County	10 cu. yds.
J.M. Landscape & Plowing	(315) 430-5549	Baldwinsville	7 cu. yds.
John Majowsky	(315) 247-8111	Onondaga County	8 cu. yds.
Joshua Korthas	(315) 450-7864	Syracuse: Serving Onondaga County	5 cu. yds.
Landscapes Etc. LLC	(315) 447-5844	Cazenovia: Serving Manlius, Jamesville, Dewitt, Fayetteville, Chittenango	16 cu. yds.
Mosher's Landscape	(315) 678-1431	Baldwinsville: Serving Onondaga County	3 cu. yds.
Northern Firewood	(315) 668-9663	West Monroe	15 cu. yds.
Polk's Hauling LLC	(315) 706-1698	North Syracuse: Serving Onondaga County	5 cu. yds.
Practical Property Enhancements	(315) 427-8395	Syracuse: Serving Onondaga County	6 cu. yds.
Scott Cox	(315) 748-1560	Liverpool: Serving Onondaga County	5 cu. yds.

***Heavier products may have lower maximum volumes for a single trip.**

OCRRA is neither recommending nor endorsing any of the service providers above.

Get a 2022 Drop Off Pass

If you are only looking to drop off material at either the Amboy or Jamesville Compost Site you will need a 2022 Compost Site Pass. This \$25 residential pass allows unlimited, year-round drop-off of yard waste and food scraps at both Compost Sites. It also comes with two free bags of ¼" premium compost.



The drop off pass is for residential use only, and is not available to commercial customers. To purchase a 2022 Compost Site Pass, visit OCRRA.org or stop by one of the Compost Sites when they are open.

Get OCRRA Compost by the Bag!

These fine retailers set their own pricepoint for OCRRA's high quality, 1/4" US Composting Council certified material.

North Area

- B'ville Supply – Baldwinsville
- Ballantyne Gardens – Liverpool
- CountryMax – Baldwinsville
- CountryMax – Cicero
- CountryMax – Oswego
- Deaton's Agway – Pulaski
- Green Acres Lawn & Garden Center – Liverpool
- Pond & Rock Shop – North Syracuse
- T.J.'s Lawns Plus – Phoenix
- Village Ace Hardware – Baldwinsville

South Area

- Bob's Ace Hardware – Syracuse
- Carol Watson's Greenhouse – LaFayette
- CountryMax – Cortland
- CountryMax – Norwich
- Green Hills Farms – Nedrow
- Neil Casey's Farm Market – Tully
- Valley View Gardens – Cortland
- Watson Farms Landscaping & Garden Center – LaFayette

West Area

- Maldonado Gardens – Elbridge
- Oliver's Produce – Marcellus
- Sollecito Landscaping Nursery – Syracuse
- Town Square Ace Hardware – Skaneateles

East Area

- Aspinall's – Chittenango
- CountryMax – DeWitt
- Green Scapes – Jamesville
- Manlius True Value Hardware – Manlius
- Spruce Ridge Landscaping & Garden Center – Cazenovia
- Syracuse Cooperative Market – Syracuse
- Village Ace Hardware – Fayetteville
- Vollmer Farms – East Syracuse
- Wagner Farms – Rome



Curbside Recycling

Milk and juice cartons
Empty and rinse.

Papers, mail, envelopes

Cardboard, pizza, pasta, cereal boxes, etc.
Not frozen food. Flatten.

Newspapers, magazines, catalogs and softcover books
Keep loose. Don't tie.

Plastic bottles and jugs
Empty and replace cap.

Cans and jars
Empty and rinse. Labels are ok.

Plastic dairy tubs
Empty and rinse; lids OK.

Art Credit: Pinckney Hugo Group, Syracuse, 2018.

OCRRA Compost Now Available Outside of Onondaga County

We all know that OCRRA compost is great. Now, others across Upstate New York can know just how great it is, too. Commercial sales of OCRRA's STA certified compost are available to businesses such as landscapers, property management companies and others outside of Onondaga County through Naturcycle (www.naturcycle.com) of Plainville, NY. Naturecycle offers compost and engineered soil to commercial customers throughout the Northeastern United States. For more information, contact Naturcycle at (315) 707-8955.



Earth Day Litter Cleanup 2022 a Success!



Pictured are members of the Otisco Lake Preservation Association showing off all the trash they collected from the Otisco Lake Watershed during the 2022 Earth Day Litter Cleanup.

Photo Credit: Otisco Lake Preservation 2022.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in this year's OCRRA Earth Day Litter Cleanup. More than 2,800 people helped clean up a little corner of their world during the event that took place on April 22 and 23. Approximately 67,500 pounds of litter was collected from Onondaga County public spaces to help beautify our community!

Did You Know?

You don't have to wait until next Earth Day to pick up litter. Grab a bag when you head out for a walk with your dog or your kids (or yourself) and help save the world a little each day!

How to Recycle TVs and Other Electronics in Onondaga County

Kristen Lawton, Director of Recycling and Reduction

OCRRA cannot accept electronics at any of our locations, nor do we host collection events. However, NYS law requires manufacturers to take-back unwanted electronics from households, schools and small businesses year-round.

Electronics covered under the law include: TVs, computers, monitors and “other” electronics, such

as printers, scanners, fax machines, keyboards, mice, tablets, DVRs, VCRs, DVD players, cable or satellite receivers, video game consoles, portable digital music players, digital converter boxes, small scale servers, and computer peripherals including cables, cords or wiring permanently affixed to such a product.

Use the chart below to find the

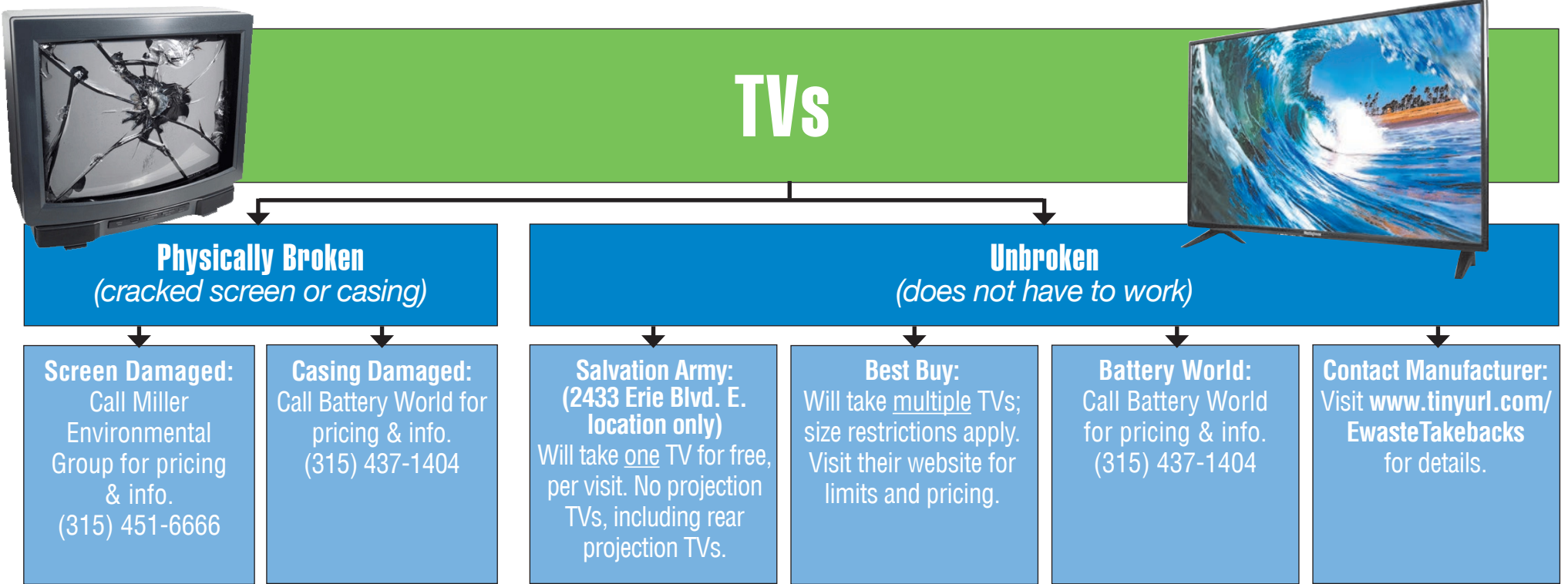
best recycling option. Some options are no cost, others have a fee. Call prior to drop off for details. Alternatively, check this list for manufacturer take back programs: www.tinyurl.com/EwasteTakebacks.

Wherever you dispose of an old computer or mobile device, it is a good idea to protect your personal information so it does not fall into

someone else’s hands. “Wipe” your device or destroy your hard drive before recycling your old electronics.

To stay up-to-date on electronics recycling, sign up for OCRRA's email list. Join at OCRRA.org in the green “Join our Mailing List” section at the bottom of the page.

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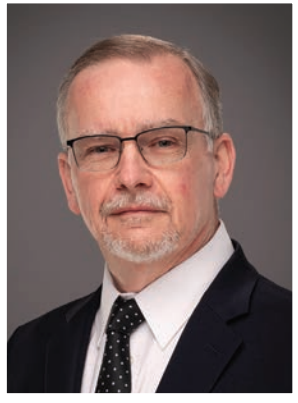


Other E-Waste

Not all locations accept all e-waste listed above. Confirm what is acceptable online or by calling the locations below, as guidelines and / or pricing may have changed since this was printed.

	Battery World	Best Buy	Bruin Recycling	Salvation Army	Staples
	5820 East Molloy Rd. Syracuse (315) 437-1404	3401 Erie Blvd. East, DeWitt (315) 449-1784	1001 Vine St. Liverpool (315) 410-0050	2433 Erie Blvd. East, Syracuse (315) 445-0520	3736 Milton Ave. Camillus (315) 488-4071 3 Chevy Dr. E. Syracuse (315) 463-8040 4118 State Rte. 31 Liverpool (315) 715-0112
Monitors (Flat Screen)	Yes Call for pricing. Appointment required.	Yes Visit their website for fees. Limit 2 per household, per day.	Yes No Charge. (No TVs).	Yes No Charge.	Yes No Charge. (No TVs).
Monitors (CRT - Old style)	Yes Call for pricing. Appointment required.	Yes Visit their website for fees. Limit 2 per household, per day.	No	Yes No Charge.	Yes No Charge. (No TVs).
Keyboards & Mice	Yes No charge. Appointment required.	Yes No Charge.	Yes No Charge.	Yes No Charge.	Yes No Charge.
Cords	Yes No charge. Appointment required.	Yes No Charge.	Yes No Charge.	Yes No Charge.	Yes No Charge.
Other E-Waste	Yes No charge. Call to confirm acceptable items.	Yes No charge. Visit their website for acceptable items.	Yes No charge. Visit their website for acceptable items.	No	Yes No charge. Visit their website for acceptable items.

FACT: Bathroom items including shampoo bottles, toilet paper tubes, soap boxes and body wash bottles are all recyclable.



From the Executive Director's Desk...

Bye Bye, Blue Bin

The beloved blue bin's days are numbered, but they won't go away overnight

Kevin Spillane, Executive Director, OCRRA

More than 30 years ago, I began my career in waste management implementing a recycling program in Waterloo, New York as part of the State's effort to introduce source separation laws. The signature of those early programs was the blue bin, which was first widely used in Waterloo, Canada almost a decade before the programs I started.

Most of us take curbside recycling for granted and don't realize that a practical system had to be invented as an alternative to the mountains of waste that was being collected and mostly landfilled, when much of it could be recycled or reused and made into new containers, newspapers, and cardboard boxes. We overlook the lack of awareness and impact this wastefulness was having on our environment and the limited resources that were available to start these programs long ago.

Blue bins also became an iconic social messaging tool and were commonplace as we all began a new habit of separating out our cans, jars, plastic containers, newspapers, and boxes. Now many of us don't even think about it, recycling and separating our waste has become so routine it's like brushing our teeth. Blue bins were an elegant, simple solution to help people collect these items and set them out at the curb, challenging their neighbors to do the same in a very visible way. They were the first steps in a program that encouraged people to think about wasteful packaging, which led to manufacturers and stores doing the same.

Blue bins have been an integral part of my career and I hate to see them go, but as we continue to recycle more and more items, and in greater quantities (Onondaga County recycles over 52% of its waste), blue bins are no longer the best tool for the job.

As a native New Yorker, born in the southern tier near Binghamton and having grown up in the Finger Lakes and Central New York, I am well aware of the challenges our weather can take on recyclables as they wait for collection in open bins at the curb. When items are wet or frozen together sorting them into separate commodities is difficult and inefficient. Even more concerning is what happens to recyclables in open containers on a windy day. This turns recyclables into litter around our neighborhoods, contributing to the pollution of our rivers, streams and lakes.

One of the solutions to these problems is for households to replace the blue bins with lidded carts, similar to the carts that many use for trash. These carts are practical, often holding two or three times the amount of recycling that a bin can (and who can't use more capacity for recycling after buying all those Amazon items during the pandemic); they have a closed lid, keeping items inside clean and dry, while also preventing them from scattering around our neighborhood. Carts are also practical from the collection side of things. They fit into the more automated collection systems that are being implemented by haulers to reduce the



Photo Credit: OCRRA, Syracuse, 2022.

Pictured is a blue bin on the right, the iconic symbol of recycling in Onondaga County, which will someday be replaced by lidded carts like the one on the left. When will it happen? For some, such as residents of the Town of Camillus, Village of North Syracuse and Town of Manlius, it has already happened. For others, it will likely take some time.

number injuries and staff needed to pick up our trash and recycling. Many communities in our area already use recycling carts and the City of Syracuse is starting the process of using them instead of the blue bins.

Carts are more expensive and OCRRA cannot supply them for the entire County. Some haulers include the cost of carts in their service fees as they sign new contracts with towns and villages in our county. For communities that would prefer to own and maintain the carts themselves, OCRRA is providing a toolkit that includes grants and financial supports that can help defray the cost of the bins. OCRRA is also providing these same communities with cart cost bid results that they can piggyback on, bid language for their own agreements or purchases, and

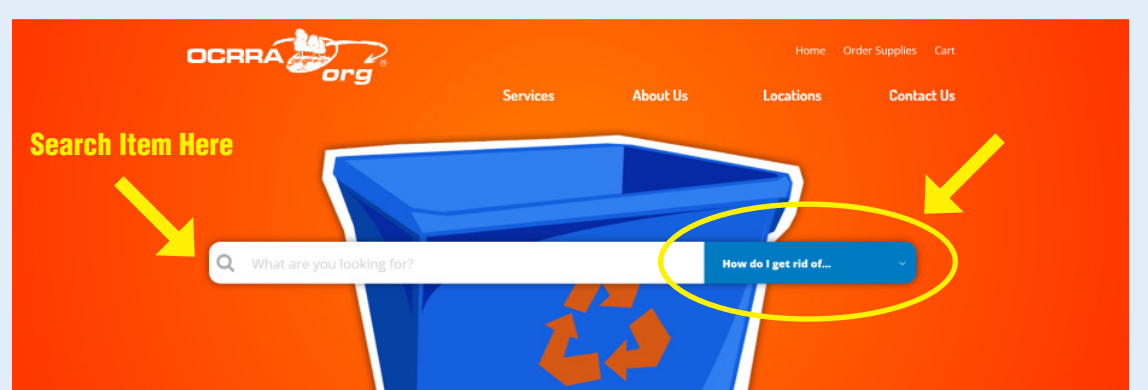
grant writing assistance to get reimbursements from the State and other entities.

Blue bins aren't going away just yet. This is a change that will take time. The OCRRA Board has asked that we help move the community to a more efficient means of collection and phase out blue bins over a two-to-three-year period to give everyone time to make the transition. As disappointed as I am to see this iconic symbol of our recycling programs fade into the past, I am even more excited about the new and bigger carts that will allow our community to recycle more efficiently and divert more waste, preserving our limited waste disposal capacity for decades to come.

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How Do I Get Rid of...?

Do you have questions on how to get rid of a certain item? Not sure if it's recycleable, trash or needs special disposal? Visit www.OCRRA.org and search for it in our "How do I get rid of..." database. It has details on hundreds of items and can be accessed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!



New Team Members at OCRRA

OCRRA is pleased to welcome the following recent additions to its team.

Jeremiah Thompson is OCRRA's new director of transfer operations. He came from Oswego County Solid Waste where he worked with both the transfer stations and the landfill and was responsible for the organics program and the leachate removal program. Prior to that he worked in operations management with UPS. Thompson received his bachelor's degree in information science from SUNY Oswego.



Jeremiah Thomas
Director of Transfer Operations



Jack Connery
Assistant Engineer

John "Jack" Connery is OCRRA's assistant engineer. He was most recently with Dunn and Sgromo Engineers of East Syracuse and prior to that worked for the New York State Department of Transportation. Connery received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from SUNY Polytechnic Institute and a bachelor's degree in physics with a concentration in engineering from SUNY Oneonta.

Order Free Recycling Supplies for Your Work, School or Apartment

Lisa Piering, Recycling Specialist

Looking for a way to make recycling easier at work, at school or at your apartment building? Good news – OCRRA has free supplies available*. Just go to **OCRRA.org** and click "Order Supplies" in the top right corner. Pick your organization type and the items you need.

How do you know what you need? Consider your space and where people normally put trash. Make it easy

by putting a recycle box next to each trash can.

OCRRA also has decals, fliers, posters and magnets that explain what can be recycled, to help coworkers, students and tenants participate.

OCRRA will contact you once your order has been placed to let you know when it can be picked up at our main office (100 Elwood Davis Road, North Syracuse, 13212). For your convenience, OCRRA will have

supplies bundled for you in our reception area.

OCRRA recycling supplies are a great way to increase recycling participation and accuracy.

**Quantity limits apply to certain items. These materials are for businesses, school staff and apartment complex managers in Onondaga County only, not for individual residents.*

Lisa Piering can be reached at lpiering@ocrra.org.

Order Business Supplies
Are you a business manager looking for recycling supplies?
[Learn More](#)

Order School Supplies
Are you a school administrator in need of recycling supplies or educational material?
[Learn More](#)

Order Apartment Supplies
Looking for recycling supplies?
[Tenants](#)
[Managers](#)

Buy Compost Passes or Trash Bag Stickers
Purchase any of these items online today!
[Learn More](#)



QUESTION OF THE QUARTER

Follow OCRRA on Facebook and ask us all your recycling and disposal questions!

Q: I've been getting takeout meals a lot more lately to support my local restaurants. Instead of Styrofoam the food comes in different plastic or paper containers. Can these be put in my curbside recycle bin?

A: When you are done with your delicious takeout meals, dispose of those containers in the trash. Although these items may be made of plastic or paper (typically with a plastic coating), they should never be placed in the recycle bin.



Not all plastics can go in the blue bin, even if they have a number and a recycle symbol on them. Those numbers were developed by the plastics industry and indicate the TYPE of plastic something is made from, not if it is recyclable.

The following plastic items can go in the recycle bin.

- BOTTLE - Something that has a neck and a smaller opening than the base (has threads at the neck for a screw on cap)
- JAR - Similar to the bottle description, e.g., peanut butter jar (rinse/wipe out; it does not have to be spotless)
- JUG - Something with a handle like a milk jug or laundry detergent bottle
- WIDE-MOUTH, STACKABLE DAIRY TUBS - Any tub that previously contained a dairy or dairy alternative product like butter, yogurt, cream cheese, etc. It must be able to nest inside itself though. If you can't stack them inside themselves, they are not recyclable.

If you are looking to reduce your waste when getting takeout, ask the restaurant to skip the plastic utensils and napkins. Some plastic containers are great to be reused for storing leftovers or bringing food to your friends.

Still have questions about items? When in doubt, if you can't check it out (on our website, on Facebook or by calling us at 315-453-2866), throw it out.

Mark Your Calendar

ALL OCRRA SITES CLOSED

MON., JULY 4 AND MON., SEPTEMBER 5

Happy Holidays!

LEY CREEK CLOSED, ROCK CUT ROAD OPEN TO RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

MON.– FRI. 3:30 pm–7:00 pm
SAT. 8:00 am–noon
See page 1 for details.

NEW PAINT DROP-OFF PROGRAM

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

PaintCare makes recycling unwanted paints free and easy. See page 2 for details.

HOUSEHOLD TOXICS DROP-OFF

MON., THURS., FRI. BY APPOINTMENT

Miller Environmental Group
8:00 am–3:00 pm
Register at OCRRA.org.