

Preserving the environment through integrated recovery and disposal.

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**TaxMaster Achieves RecycleOne Business Certification**

The Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority (Authority) is pleased to announce that TaxMaster, located at 747 Bleecker Street in Utica, has obtained the Authority's RecycleOne Business Certification.

The **RecycleOne Business Certification** requires an on-site review from Authority staff to verify that specific solid waste management, recycling and energy reduction criteria have been achieved. If the criteria have been achieved, the Authority will issue the facility or business an official **RecycleOne Business Certification**.

This certification is free and available to businesses located in Oneida and Herkimer counties. Accepted businesses will receive **RecycleOne** logos and updated quarterly recycling information. **RecycleOne** businesses are featured on the Authority website and will be eligible to win the Authority's annual Recycling Champion Award.

The current TaxMaster location was purchased in 1981 by owner Michael Schofield, who has worked in the tax, collection and licensing industry since 1959. Schofield's lifelong dedication to his business has generated over 1,200 loyal clients, all of whom have either business or personal ties to the Utica area.

Schofield's pride in the Bleecker Street neighborhood encourages him to care for nearby businesses and the local ecosystem in the following ways:



- ✓ Securely shredding and recycling over 350,000 paper documents each year
- ✓ Weekly recycling of cardboard, plastic, metal and glass
- ✓ All lightbulbs have been switched to energy efficient LED bulbs
- ✓ Exclusive use of organic, eco-friendly cleaning supplies
- ✓ Green waste and electronic waste brought to the Authority for proper recycling
- ✓ Refundable bottles and cans donated to local Scout troops

"We at TaxMaster have always tried to operate our business in the most sustainable way possible. As you may guess, the primary material we deal with in this business is paper. In the 37 years we have been in business, we have shredded *millions* of documents- all of which have been diverted from the landfill. That makes a difference!" says Schofield.

"It is obvious that the employees at TaxMaster want local businesses and the ecosystem to thrive. This drives their impressive recycling rate- which includes not only paper, but also green waste, electronics and cardboard. Businesses (like Schofield's) that are truly motivated to recycle make our job at the Authority much easier. We are happy to award TaxMaster with this certification," says Emily Albright, Authority Director of Recycling.

Recycling in the workplace not only helps the environment but can be economically advantageous by allowing for lower costs for waste removal and possible revenues from recycling. The program also encourages social responsibility, positive public response and sustainability.

For more information on the Authority's **RecycleOne Business Recycling Program**, please contact Emily Albright, Director of Recycling, at (315) 733-1224 ext. 1600 or visit [www.RecycleOneBusiness.com](http://www.RecycleOneBusiness.com) to download the **RecycleOne Business Recycling Program Guide**.

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