ITEMS THAT SHOULD NOT BE PLACED IN YOUR CARTS

The following items cannot be placed at the curb and should be delivered to the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority or Rome City Yard.

Electronic Waste – Old, unwanted or broken electronics such as televisions, computers, cell phones, etc. cannot be placed at the curb for collection. Electronic waste must be delivered to City Yard at 132 Race Street, Rome, or to the Authority’s Residential Convenience Station at 575 Perimeter Road, Rome, for proper recycling at no charge.

Household Hazardous Waste – Paints and chemicals such as oil-based and latex paints, pesticides, oven cleaners, and photographic chemicals are seasonal waste. These types of waste are accepted from April – September at the Authority’s Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at 80 Leland Avenue Ext. in Utica, free of charge. Paint cans are NOT recyclable. Empty or dried paint cans must be placed in your garbage.

Bulky Rigid Plastics – Residents can recycle bulky rigid plastic items that cannot be recycled through the curb-side recycling program by delivering them to the Authority’s Residential Convenience Station at 575 Perimeter Road, Rome, free of charge. (Examples: plastic beverage crates, plastic buckets/pails, plastic lawn furniture.)

Fluorescent Light Bulbs – Fluorescent and compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) contain mercury material and should be disposed of in an environmentally safe manner. Residents should handle the bulbs safely and dispose of them by delivering them to the Authority’s Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility. Fluorescent bulbs are accepted year round.

Rechargeable Batteries – Under the NYS Rechargeable Battery Law, it is illegal to toss rechargeable batteries in the trash in New York State. Please deliver rechargeable batteries to the Authority’s Residential Convenience Station located at 575 Perimeter Road, Rome. Non-rechargeable household alkaline batteries should be placed in your garbage for disposal.
The City of Rome is proud to introduce its brand new garbage and recycling program. Each household and commercial building within the refuse district will be receiving two waste and recycling containers: one for bagged garbage only and the other for single stream recyclables. All refuse and recyclables set out for collection must be placed in the designated carts. Additional recycling containers may be utilized if necessary. The carts are city-owned and are to remain with the associated property. Each cart is equipped with an RFID tag that is registered to each address. Please follow the instructions below regarding proper use of carts, garbage, and recycling requirements.

**CURB-SIDE SET-OUT REQUIREMENTS:**

**Garbage Containers**
- All garbage needs to be in bags and placed in city-owned garbage container for collection.  
- Garbage must be wholly contained in the cart so that the lid can close.  
- Garbage needs to be in bags and placed in designated garbage cart for collection.  
- Garbage, recycling, and green waste containers must be placed at the curb no earlier than 6:00pm on the day prior to the designated collection day and no later than 7:00am on the day pickup is scheduled.

**Construction & Demolition Material**
- Construction and demolition material must be placed in separate garbage container weighing less than 50 pounds for collection.  
- Construction and demolition material is waste building materials less than 4 feet long resulting from construction, addition, remodeling, repair, alteration, or demolition operations.  
- NO construction or demolition material shall be placed loose on the curb for collection.

**Bulk Items**
- There is a limit of one (1) bulk item per week, per building.*  
- Bulk Examples: washing machine, dryer, refrigerators/freeze, stove, dishwashers, hot water heater, box spring, mattress, dresser, couch/sofa, large chair, television, and room-size rugs/carpets (rolled up & tied, and not over 6’).  
- *Bulk items will be collected weekly through December 31, 2014. In 2015, a bulk item schedule to be determined by the City will be released.

**Car Tires**
- Limit of one car tire per week, per building, no truck tires.

**Green Waste**
- Green waste will not be collected loose at the curb. Place leaves, grass, twigs, and other green waste in a durable plastic or metal lidded container up to 33 gallons capacity.  
- Residents should place leaves, grass, twigs, and other yard waste in a reusable plastic or metal container net to exceed 33 gallons. Shrubbery, branches, and limbs should be no longer than four feet and should be tied or bundled. There is a limit of five (5) green waste containers per collection. Green waste is collected April - October on the day before normal trash pickup.

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**THE CITY OF ROME RECYCLING GUIDELINES**

**HERE’S HOW IT WORKS**

1. All recyclable items—paper, plastic, metal, and glass—need to be mixed together loosely in recycling cart.
2. Recyclables must be placed in your designated cart labeled “RECYCLING ONLY,” with no plastic bags.
3. Lids and labels should be left on recyclable containers. Containers should be empty and rinsed before recycling.
4. Do not place recyclables in plastic bags for collection. No string, no trash, or green waste allowed.

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**Items That Should Not Be Placed In Your Recycling Bin**

- *Sharps*
- *Aerosol Cans*
- *Lawn and Yard Waste*
- *Batteries*
- *Exteriors*
- *Light Bulbs*
- *Paint Cans*
- *Drinking Glasses*
- *Household Hazardous Waste*

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For questions about cart services and collection information contact Rome DPW at 339-7774. For questions about Rome Recycling call the Authority at 733-1224.