

ONEIDA-HERKIMER SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

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Solid Waste Authority Recognizes America Recycles Day with Holiday Recycling Reminder

Friday, November 15th marks the 16th annual America Recycles Day, a nationwide initiative dedicated to increasing awareness and showcasing the accomplishments of recycling. Each year, millions of people are encouraged to “Go Green” by reducing waste, increasing recycling, and purchasing recycled products.

“Recycling at home, work, school and in the community benefits all of us by reducing pollution, preserving valuable natural resources, conserving landfill space and saving money,” stated Jamie Tuttle, School Recycling Coordinator for the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority.

The Authority appreciates the recycling efforts in our region and would like to remind residents of the Authority’s cooking oil recycling program. Many people cook turkey over the holidays, and disposing of the leftover grease does not have to be a challenge. The Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority accepts used cooking oil and kitchen grease year-round at the Utica Residential Convenience Station Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm and Saturday from 7am-2pm. Authority offices and facilities will be closed on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 28th) but will reopen on Friday, November 29th.

Residents may deliver liquid cooking grade fats, oils and grease at no charge. The material is stored in 300-gallon plastic containers and picked up by a rendering company to be recycled into animal feed. Residents should transport used oils or grease in sealed, unbreakable, leak-proof containers. Restaurants and businesses should contact a rendering company for direct pick-up.

For more information on recycling and waste disposal, please contact Authority School Recycling Coordinator Jamie Tuttle at 733-1224 ext. 2300 or visit www.ohswa.org.

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