

Preserving the environment through integrated recovery and disposal.

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**Holiday Recycling Reminder From Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority**

The Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority appreciates the recycling efforts from residents in our region and would like to remind them 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 27<sup>th</sup>) but will reopen on Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

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.

Keep in mind that having clearly marked recycling bins available at your holiday gatherings will significantly reduce the number of times you have to take out the trash as well as the amount of garbage you send to the landfill. Be sure to recycle food and beverage containers such as plastic bottles and cups, beverage cartons (broth, milk, juice, and juice boxes) and metal and aluminum cans.

For more information on recycling and waste disposal, please contact Authority Recycling Coordinator Jamie Tuttle at 733-1224 ext. 2300 or visit [www.ohswa.org](http://www.ohswa.org).

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