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Rome Memorial Hospital Achieves RecycleOne Business Recycling Certification

The Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority is pleased to announce that Rome Memorial Hospital is the first recipient of the Authority's RecycleOne Business Certification.

Rome Memorial Hospital is being recognized for its commitment in taking extra steps to reduce solid waste, increase its level of recycling and save energy by developing a comprehensive recycling and solid waste management program.

Rome Memorial Hospital organized a Green Team consisting of department representatives within its facility to develop a comprehensive recycling plan. As a result, the hospital established programs and information to increase the amount of recyclables collected throughout the facility. In the first month of the program over five tons of mixed recyclables were collected. Recently, the hospital was recognized by Stericycle Corporation for successfully reducing over 8,270 pounds of plastics from its waste stream by using reusable sharps collection bins for sharps such as syringes and lancets. In 2013, the hospital recycled over 68 tons of shredded paper and corrugated cardboard. In addition, Rome Memorial Hospital utilizes energy from its own co-generation (combined heat and power to simultaneously generate electricity and useful heat) facility to reduce energy costs.

"Rome Memorial Hospital is pleased to participate in this program which not only improves the environment but also saves energy and reduces expenses for the hospital," said Green Team Chairperson Fred White, assistant director of building services. "By implementing single-stream recycling in the hospital, we can effectively and efficiently manage our recyclable waste."

"The new **RecycleOne Business Recycling Program** is economically advantageous and environmentally sound for businesses and industries that participate because they can benefit from lower costs for waste removal, increased recycling and reduced energy costs," said David Lupinski, Authority Director of Recycling.

The **RecycleOne Business Recycling Certification Program** 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**.

For more information on the Authority's **RecycleOne Business Recycling Program**, contact David Lupinski, Director of Recycling, at (315) 733-1224, ext. 1600 or visit www.RecycleOneBusiness.com to download the **RecycleOne Business Recycling Program Guide**.

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Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority Director of Recycling, David Lupinski, presents Rome Memorial Hospital's Assistant Director of Building Services, Fred White with the Authority's first RecycleOne Business Certification for developing a comprehensive recycling and solid waste management program. The hospital has developed a system to reduce solid waste, increase its level of recycling and save energy. They stand in front of the hospital's recycling compactor that compresses recyclables with 10 tons of pressure allowing for more efficient single stream recycling.