

Preserving the environment through integrated recovery and disposal.

Make Earth Day, Every Day

On Earth Day, people from across the Country join together to participate in events that help improve and protect our environment. In celebration of Earth Day 2016, many events are taking place locally to promote recycling, reuse and proper waste disposal.

The Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority's Earth Day events will take place on Saturday, April 23rd from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Oneida-Herkimer Recycling Center, 80 Leland Avenue Ext., Utica. In addition to the programs and services that the Authority offers year-round, the day's special events will include tours of the Recycling Center, confidential paper shredding, collection of pharmaceuticals, Utica "Zoomobile" demonstrations, information about Oneida County Sewer District's Operation Ripple Effect, and a Backyard Composting Workshop (11:00 AM). All of these programs are free of charge.

The Authority would like to remind residents how easy it is to make "Earth Day, Every Day." The Oneida and Herkimer County region is committed to developing a self-sufficient, comprehensive solid waste management system to serve area residents, businesses and institutions. In doing so, the Authority offers many **free recycling programs** to the residents of Oneida and Herkimer Counties that include:

- **Year-Round Electronics Drop-Off** – Residents can deliver electronic waste such as TVs and computers to the Authority's Utica or Rome facilities.
- **Year-Round Bulky Rigid Plastics Drop-Off** - Residents can deliver bulky rigid plastics for proper recycling. Bulky rigid plastics are hard plastic items such as buckets, recycling bins, trash cans, toys, lawn furniture, etc. **Bulky rigid plastics cannot be mixed with other plastic recyclables and cannot be set-out with curbside recyclables.**
- **Year-Round Clothing & Textiles Drop-Off** – Residents can drop off unwanted clothing, shoes, blankets, etc. for reuse and recycling.
- **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off**—Residents can drop off household hazardous waste such as paint and chemicals to the Authority's **Utica facility April – September each year.**
- **Year-Round Fluorescent Bulbs & Rechargeable Batteries Drop-Off** – Residents can deliver fluorescent bulbs and rechargeable batteries to the Authority's Utica and Rome facilities for proper recycling.
- **Year-Round Hardcover Books Drop-Off** – Residents can deliver hardcover books to the Authority's Utica Facility for recycling.
- **Year-Round Cooking Oil Drop-Off** – Residents can deliver cooking oil and grease to the Authority's Utica facility for recycling.

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The following are also available to the two-County region:

- **Year-Round Disposal of Pharmaceuticals** – Residents can deliver pharmaceuticals to the following drop-off boxes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:
 - Utica Police Department – 413 Oriskany Street West
 - Herkimer Police Department – 120 Green St.
 - Ilion Police Department – 55 First Street
 - Dolgeville Police Department – 41 North Main Street
 - Rome Justice Building – North James Street
- **Reuse Options** – The Authority encourages reuse before disposal and offers a list of organizations in the region that accept used items as a donation for reuse or recycling. Visit www.ohswa.org for a list of reuse options.

The Authority's website provides comprehensive information about all of its services and programs in addition to other local programs. For more information on the Authority's recycling and disposal programs, and facility locations and hours of operation, visit www.ohswa.org or call (315) 733-1224. You may also visit www.AmIRecyclable.com to search for proper recycling and disposal methods for thousands of different items.

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