

Preserving the environment through integrated recovery and disposal.

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Solid Waste Authority Offers Cleanup Tips for End of Summer

As the summer season comes to an end, many of us begin cleaning up our yards and homes in order to prepare for the cold weather months.

The Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority offers the following guidelines to assist with fall cleanups.

<i>How Do I Dispose Of...</i>	
Inflatable Pool Floats	<u>DO NOT</u> PLACE IN RECYCLING BIN Inflatable pool floats should be placed in your regular garbage.
Bulky Rigid Plastics (Plastic lawn furniture, toys, coolers, garbage cans & more)	<u>DO NOT</u> PLACE IN RECYCLING BIN DELIVER TO: Authority's EcoDrop Utica or EcoDrop Rome at no charge OR Contact your municipality for collection schedule.
Propane Tanks (1 lb. to 100 lb. tanks/cylinders)	<u>DO NOT</u> PLACE IN RECYCLING BIN DELIVER TO: Authority's EcoDrop Utica or EcoDrop Rome at no charge.
Pool Chemicals/Paint/ Household Hazardous Waste	<u>DO NOT</u> PLACE IN RECYCLING BIN DELIVER TO: Authority's EcoDrop Utica at no charge until <u>September 30th</u> . Empty containers and hardened paint cans should be placed in your regular garbage.
Garden Hoses	<u>DO NOT</u> PLACE IN RECYCLING BIN All garden hoses should be placed in your regular garbage.
Green Waste (Leaves, Grass Clippings, Garden Waste)	<u>DO NOT</u> PLACE IN RECYCLING BIN DELIVER TO: Authority's EcoDrop Utica or EcoDrop Rome OR Contact your municipality for collection schedule.

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EcoDrop Utica

80 Leland Ave. Extension, Utica, NY

Hours of Operation:

- Monday – Friday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Saturday: 7:00 am – 2:00 pm

Please note that Household Hazardous Waste (i.e. paints, chemicals) is only accepted April 1st – September 30th each year.

EcoDrop Rome

575 Perimeter Road, Rome, NY

Hours of Operation:

- Monday – Friday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Saturday: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Keep in mind that pizza boxes, aluminum foil and plastic cups (i.e. Solo cups) are recyclable in your curbside container. Disposable utensils, plates and napkins are not recyclable and should be placed in your regular garbage.

The Authority encourages reuse before disposal. There are various locations and organizations in Oneida and Herkimer Counties that accept used items as a donation for reuse or recycling. Please visit www.ohswa.org for a list of organizations and acceptable items.

“As cleanups take place, questions arise about how to properly dispose of various items. The quality of recyclables is more important to the success of recycling than ever. If a resident is unsure whether something is recyclable, we ask that they dispose of the item as garbage until they find the answer,” stated Authority Recycling Educator Jamie Tuttle.

If you are not sure how to properly recycle or dispose of an item, the Authority encourages residents to visit its easy-to-use tool at www.AmiRecyclable.com to search hundreds of different items and learn all the answers.

For more information on recycling and proper waste disposal, please visit www.ohswa.org or contact (315) 733-1224. You may also ask questions and find more information on the Authority’s Facebook page (Oneida Herkimer Solid Waste Authority).

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