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**CNY Green Cycle Achieves RecycleOne Business Certification**

The Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority (Authority) is pleased to announce that CNY Green Cycle, LLC. has obtained the Authority's RecycleOne Business Certification.

The United States wastes approximately 35 million tons of food - adding up to roughly one third of all the food produced in this country - in just one year! Dispiriting statistics like these are what motivated Melissa Shupp to take matters into her own hands and start her company CNY Green Cycle, LLC.

CNY Green Cycle is a weekly food scrap collection service out of New Hartford, NY. Patrons who sign up for this service receive a container and compostable bag liners. During the week, patrons simply fill the container with kitchen scraps and then set the bag out for Shupp to collect on the day of their scheduled pick up. The collected food waste bags are currently delivered to a local farm to make compost. In early 2019, Shupp plans on delivering the collected material to the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority. The Authority is currently building an addition onto the Utica transfer station that will house and process organic waste and feed it into anaerobic digestors to make energy.

The magnitude of food waste that the US is currently producing cannot go on forever, and Shupp has taken the initiative to look for new horizons. "The future of trash is Recycling. For years we have been recycling plastics, glass and more, but I have recently discovered our future is recycling food scraps," concluded Shupp, owner of CNY Green Cycle.



As of July 7, 2018, CNY Green Cycle has diverted 8,540 pounds of food waste from the landfill! This program has also caught the attention and support of Bagel Grove. The owners commented on their experience with CNY Green Cycle, saying "We have been using this service for a few weeks and we are so relieved to see our food scraps going to create a renewable resource instead of the landfill!"

The **RecycleOne Business Certification** 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**.

The Authority shares in her vision to recycle food scraps, and we are happy that we will soon become a resource for Shupp and many others continuing to reduce the amount of food scraps entering our landfill. CNY Green Cycle is exceedingly deserving of this certification," says Emily Albright, Director of Recycling.

For more information on the Authority's **RecycleOne Business Recycling Program**, contact Emily Albright, Director of Recycling, at (315) 733-1224 ext. 1600 or visit [www.RecycleOneBusiness.com](http://www.RecycleOneBusiness.com) to download the **RecycleOne Business Recycling Program Guide**.

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