

Using the Recycling and Solid Waste Center (RSWC)

Acceptable Materials	Fees	Limitations
Garbage One pick-up truck sized load or less of bagged garbage should use the Public Drop-off Area. More than one pick-up truck sized load must go to the garbage tipping floor. Bulky waste loads must go to the garbage tipping floor. Construction and demolition debris accepted.	Category 1: (2 & 4 door sedans) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One \$8 coupon – 1 trip • \$12 punch card – garbage can or bag (5 punches – \$2.40 per bag) Category 2: (station wagons, minivans, SUV's) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$12 coupons – 1 trip • \$12 punch card Other & Altered Vehicle/Load: (pick-up trucks, vehicles hauling trailers, etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Tier Flat Fee – Weigh in & Out 0-333 lbs. – \$12 334-666 lbs. – \$24 666-999 lbs. – \$36 1,000 lbs/over – \$85 ton • \$12 punch card – garbage can or bag 	NO: Asbestos-friable, non-friable, or containing materials (such as duct insulation)-, flammables, pesticides, corrosives/acids, explosives, toxics, used oil, PCBs (capacitors), medical waste, sludges/liquids, yard waste. See yellow pages under “Asbestos Abatement & Removal Service”
Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioners, and Dehumidifiers	Permit Required. \$20 per unit – containing Freon® or other refrigerants to cover cost of its removal	Fee will be waived if refrigerants have been certifiably removed. Written certification must be provided at time of disposal. NO: Glass doors, such as those on commercial freezers and cold cases, must be unhinged and removed before recycling.
Tires Up to 10 passenger car/truck tires without rims. More than 10 tires and tires with rims.	\$2 per tire \$130 per ton	NO: Off-road type tires, such as from tractors or heavy equipment. For more than 25 tires (or 500 lbs.), see Yellow Pages under Rubbish ~ Garbage Removal.
Yard Waste Leaves, grass clippings, and brush.	Category 1: \$8 coupon Category 2: \$12 coupon Other & Altered Vehicle/Load: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Tier Flat Fee – Weigh in & Out 1,000 lbs/over – \$80 ton • \$12 punch card – garbage can or bag 	NO: Brush over 6” in diameter or over 6ft in length. One pick-up truck load or less per trip. Keep separate from trash. Check with your local municipality about alternative yard waste management.

Other Recyclables

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Lead Acid Batteries: Auto, marine, motorcycle, etc.	Vehicle batteries only. If leaking, place in plastic bag with absorbent material. Battery limit: 10 per load. (No commercial businesses).
Household Batteries: Rechargeable batteries (Ni-Cad), low mercury and silver oxide (button) batteries, lithium, and small sealed lead acid batteries only. Place in designated area.	NO: Alkaline or vehicle batteries. Alkaline batteries should be disposed of as trash.
Fluorescent Bulbs: Compact bulbs and up to 4 foot tubes only at Public Drop-off Area.	NO: 8 foot bulbs. 8 foot bulbs can be brought to DEPOT events. Businesses and Institutions must contact SWMD for instructions Call 273-HHWM (4496)
Scrap metal, appliances without refrigerant: scrap metal, metal appliances-washer, dryers, hot water heaters, dishwashers, stoves, microwave ovens, toasters, toaster ovens, other items that are mostly metal-, furniture, pots and pans, toys, wheels, hub caps, fixtures, window or door frames, fence wire, drain pipes, pipes, tools, small engines, lawn mowers, chain saws, paint cans, empty propane tanks, license plates, etc.	NO: Window screens, or hazardous material containers. Microwaves – remove glass turntable and dispose of as garbage. Remove nonmetallic handles from pots, when possible, and upholstery from metal furniture. Paint cans must be empty and dry. Store leftover or unused paint safely, donate to others, or bring to a DEPOT event. Must present ALL SIZES of propane tanks to attendant.
Textiles: Clean, wearable clothing, shoes & sneakers, accessories (hats, purses, belts, scarves, gloves), bedding, draperies, towels and fabric scraps 15” x 15” or larger. Bring in clear plastic bag.	NO: RAGS, grease-stained, mildewed or wet clothing, hospital or medical garments, industrial uniforms, pillows or cushions, carpets or rugs, small fabric scraps less than 15” x 15” in size.
Electronics: Please refer to the Recycling Electronics brochure or SWMD’s website for a list of accepted materials.	Businesses and Institutions must contact SWMD for instructions Call 273-6632

Additional Information About Other Waste Types

▲ Public Drop-off Area:

The Public Drop-off Area is provided for the convenience and safety of our customers. Only one pick-up truck load or less of garbage or acceptable recyclable materials may be taken to the Public Drop-off Area per trip. To ease handling, loads larger than one pick-up truck of recyclable materials or garbage must go to the tipping floors.

▲ How to handle the following things that the RSWC does NOT accept:

▲ **Hazardous waste:** If the product is in good condition, and its use has not been restricted or banned by State or Federal regulations, use it up according to the label. The County has a permanent Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) management facility (The DEPOT). 2010 collection dates are April 17, May 15, July 17, August 21, September 18, and November 20 from 8:00am - 2:00pm. Call 273-HHWM (4496) for more information on how to participate.

▲ **Used motor oil:** Gas stations that change oil, and businesses that sell at least 1,000 gallons of oil annually, are required by law to accept used motor oil for recycling. You may also bring it to the DEPOT.

▲ Styrofoam® peanuts:

A frequently-asked question is: Where to recycle or reuse polystyrene peanuts? Clean, bagged peanuts may be donated to local mail services for reuse. Look in the Yellow Pages under Packaging Service. Call mail services to verify what they accept. Clean peanuts may also be donated to selected businesses*:

Donovan Lighting, 256-3640;
 The UPS Store, 256-0275;
 Uris Library, 255-3829.

*This is not a complete list and is subject to change without notice.

▲ **Curbside recycling bins and compost bins can be purchased at the SWMD.**

▲ Regulations:

All loads brought to the RSWC, whether recyclables or trash, must be covered, by law. Collecting or removing materials at the RSWC is prohibited. Tompkins County reserves the right to inspect all vehicles containing solid waste that enter the RSWC

Uncovered loads will be assessed a surcharge: First Offense \$10, Second Offense \$20, and Subsequent Offenses \$40

For more information, call

the Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division
 122 Commercial Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850 at 273-6632

Visit our website at www.recycletompkins.org

To dispose of waste follow routes **C** or **P**

C Commercial haulers and Residents w/large loads. (Check in at scale house)

S SCALE HOUSE

Y YARD WASTE

P Public drop-off area

G GARBAGE

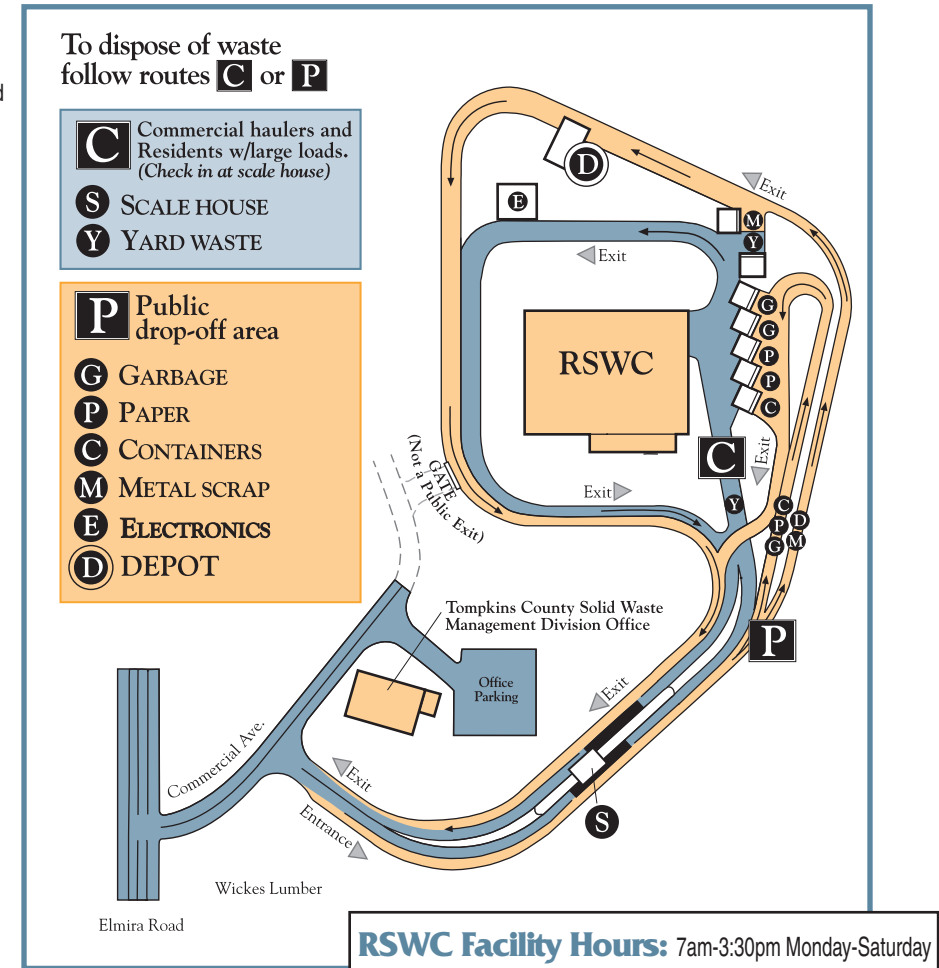
P PAPER

C CONTAINERS

M METAL SCRAP

E ELECTRONICS

D DEPOT



RSWC Facility Hours: 7am-3:30pm Monday-Saturday

Office Hours: 8am-4:30pm Monday-Friday

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