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New Recycling Guidelines Brochure Now Available

Changes forthcoming in items accepted for recycling

The new 2018-2019 Tompkins County Curbside Recycling Guidelines brochure is now available.

The brochure is produced by the Department of Recycling and Materials Management, and covers the 12-month period from July 2018 through June 2019.

Inside, there is valuable information about single stream curbside recycling collection, including a list of items that can be recycled both at the curb and at the Recycling and Solid Waste Center at 160 Commercial Avenue in Ithaca.

The publication also includes the popular recycling pick-up calendar through June 2019.

In light of changes in the recycling industry, plastic bottles and containers collected for recycling will be limited to numbers 1, 2 and 5. Rigid plastics will only be accepted at the Recycling and Solid Waste Center (not curbside). County residents are also reminded that single use plastic bags are not acceptable in curbside bins, and recyclables cannot be collected in plastic bags.

Over the next six months, TCRMM staff will be developing display boards and other outreach materials in order to educate the public on how they can 'clean the stream,' so the County's recycled items continue to meet the standards required for the commodities market.

Copies of the 2018-19 Curbside Recycling Guidelines are available at the TCRMM office at 122 Commercial Avenue as well as the RSWC public drop off, and will be distributed to all municipal offices, food scraps drop spots, and all major grocery stores throughout Tompkins County before the end of June.

For an electronic copy, please visit our website, www.recycletompkins.org.

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