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# Schuyler County Waste Management and Recycling Guide



# Frequently Asked Questions

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**Where is the Schuyler County dump?** Three transfer stations are available. Please see pages 4 and 5 for more information.

**What do I do with old latex paint?** Place kitty litter, sawdust or other absorbent material in the can to soak up remaining paint. Once the can is completely dry it can be placed with regular garbage.

**How do I dispose of batteries?** Alkaline batteries should be placed with your regular garbage. Rechargeable batteries should be taken to a hazardous waste day or to the Extension office during normal business hours.

**What should I do with old electronics?** Electronics should be recycled by taking them to the county collection day typically in September. Or call your Town to see if they accept them during normal business hours. Arrowhead Disposal will recycle them for free as well.

**Can I flush my expired medications?** No. Medications should be taken to the County Sheriff's Department in Watkins Glen where there is an anonymous lock box which is always available.

**How do I get rid of old gasoline?** Safely store it for the next county hazardous waste day or call Op-Tech Environmental Services at 607-565-8891.

**Where can I take unwanted tires?** Take them to a supplier that sells tires or save them for the county collection day typically held in September. Recycling fees apply.

**Can I recycle ink cartridges from my printer?** Yes, bring them to the Extension office for recycling.



# Burning Regulations

Effective October 14, 2009 new open burning regulations now prohibit burning across NY State with only a few exceptions. Burning trash, leaves, agricultural plastics (even in a burn barrel) is now illegal in all areas of the State, including rural areas of Schuyler County. Some local governments also have their own laws that restrict burning so be sure to check with your local officials for any laws that may affect you and your neighborhood.

The following table is a partial listing of common activities Schuyler County residents may be concerned about. To view the entire regulation please visit <http://dec.ny.gov/regs/4261.html>

Can I burn...?	
Trash	<b>No.</b> Recycle and compost what you can; remaining waste must be picked up by a licensed hauler or taken to a certified drop-off location
Leaf Pile	<b>No.</b> Compost leaves instead. Some villages even offer curbside pick-up
Large braches and brush from clearing land	<b>Yes,</b> only between May 15—March 15. Must be under 6" in diameter and 8' in length. All other times it is illegal to burn large branches.
Agricultural waste	<b>Yes,</b> only for natural/organic waste produced on site (untreated wood, paper feed bags, brush material, twine, etc.); must be burned on contiguous ag. land larger than 5 acres; must be fully burned within 24 hours.
Camp fire & small cooking fires	<b>Yes,</b> if kept under 3' x 4' x 4'. Charcoal and untreated wood (small branches included) only.
Ceremonial or celebratory bonfires	<b>Yes,</b> only if untreated wood and other organic products are used as fuel. Be sure to inform your local fire department.
Small fire to dispose of a flag	<b>Yes.</b>

All fires must be tended at all times and fully extinguished when done.

To report a violation of the open burning law call 1-800-847-7332.

This guide has been developed to assist Schuyler County residents in determining the best way to dispose of unwanted items. More detailed information on any topic in this guide can be obtained by calling the Schuyler County Planning Department or by visiting the department's website.

## Disposal Questions or Concerns?

**Give us a call or stop by!**

Schuyler County Planning Department  
 105 Ninth Street, Unit 39  
 Watkins Glen, NY 14891  
 Phone: 607-535-8211  
 Fax: 607-535-8193  
 Email: [rkambo@co.schuyler.ny.us](mailto:rkambo@co.schuyler.ny.us)

On the web at: <http://www.schuylercounty.us/recycling>



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# Garbage Disposal

Schuyler County residents and businesses must dispose of waste by hiring a private hauler for curbside pick-up or by taking waste material to a transfer station or town drop-off location listed below.

**Call several haulers for service areas and fees.**

## Curbside Pick-Up



Alternative Waste Services  
Bob Mente Jr.  
PO Box 71  
Newfield, NY 14867  
564-7717

Frank's Disposal  
Ted Dudgeon  
5953 Beranek Road  
Cayuta, NY 14824  
594-2108

Arrowhead Disposal  
Michelle Craven  
2800 Pearl  
Beaver Dams, NY 14812  
535-5496

Howard's Disposal  
Howard and Diane Secord  
3970 County Route 5  
Burdett, NY 14818  
546-7341

Cardinal Disposal  
Joe Gibson  
635 Shannon Corners Rd.  
Dundee, NY 14837  
243-8134

SDS of Central NY  
PO Box 449  
Horseheads, NY 14845  
796-2000

*Omission of service is not intentional. No endorsement by the Schuyler County Planning Department is intended or implied. If you provide waste hauling services in Schuyler County and would like to be added to this list please call 607-535-8211.*

**Read labels before purchasing hazardous products:** Make sure the product will do what you want it to do before purchasing. Follow directions closely for proper use, storage, and ventilation for such products.

**Avoid excessive use of hazardous products:** Follow specific instructions for proper use. Using excessive amounts of hazardous products does not mean the product will work better. This will only lead to greater danger to you and the environment.

**Donate leftover hazardous products to those who can use them:** Avoid disposal by contacting friends, neighbors, community groups, or charities who may be able to put products to good use.

**Recycle whenever possible:** Products such as used motor oil, antifreeze and auto batteries may be recycled.

**Dispose of hazardous waste properly:** Take part in local collection events. Follow proper disposal methods available from NYS DEC and CCE.

**Visit our website for directions on how to make your own non-toxic cleaning products!**



# Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous waste is defined in New York State law as items which are toxic and should not be included in regular household garbage. These include: mothballs, lead and oil-based paints, most petroleum-based solvents, cleaners and polishes, some automotive fluids, most pesticides, and the containers they come in. If it's flammable, poisonous or corrosive, keep it out of the landfill. Unused portions should be stored safely (per instructions on container label) until a county collection day.

**Why are these wastes a problem?** When storing and/or handling household hazardous materials use special care. Excessive exposure to these materials may lead to lung problems, cancer, and even death. Chemicals may also contaminate our water, soil and air unless proper disposal methods are used.

**How should household hazardous waste be handled?** Handle these wastes carefully to avoid injury to self and to protect our environment. Waste should be stored and transported in their original containers, making sure to leave labels intact. Make sure to keep them out of reach of children and pets and avoid heat. Household hazardous wastes should be disposed in regional collection events or approved facility.

**Reduce your use of hazardous products:** Many products have less toxic or non-toxic alternatives. If you must purchase a hazardous product, buy only what you will use.

## Transfer Stations

Trash Masters (Parmenter Automotive) , Route 14, Montour Falls  
Saturday mornings , 8:00 am– Noon  
738-5630

Swarthouts, Route 19, Beaver Dams  
Monday-Saturday, 7:00am-5:00 pm  
936-0013

- Also takes source separated recyclables and scrap metal

Arrowhead Disposal, Pearl Road, Beaver Dams  
Tuesday, 8:30 am—4:00 pm  
535-5496

- Also takes single stream recyclables and electronics

## Town Recycling Centers that also accept garbage from Town residents.

Town of Orange  
Old Town Barn, Main St.  
Saturday mornings  
962-2978

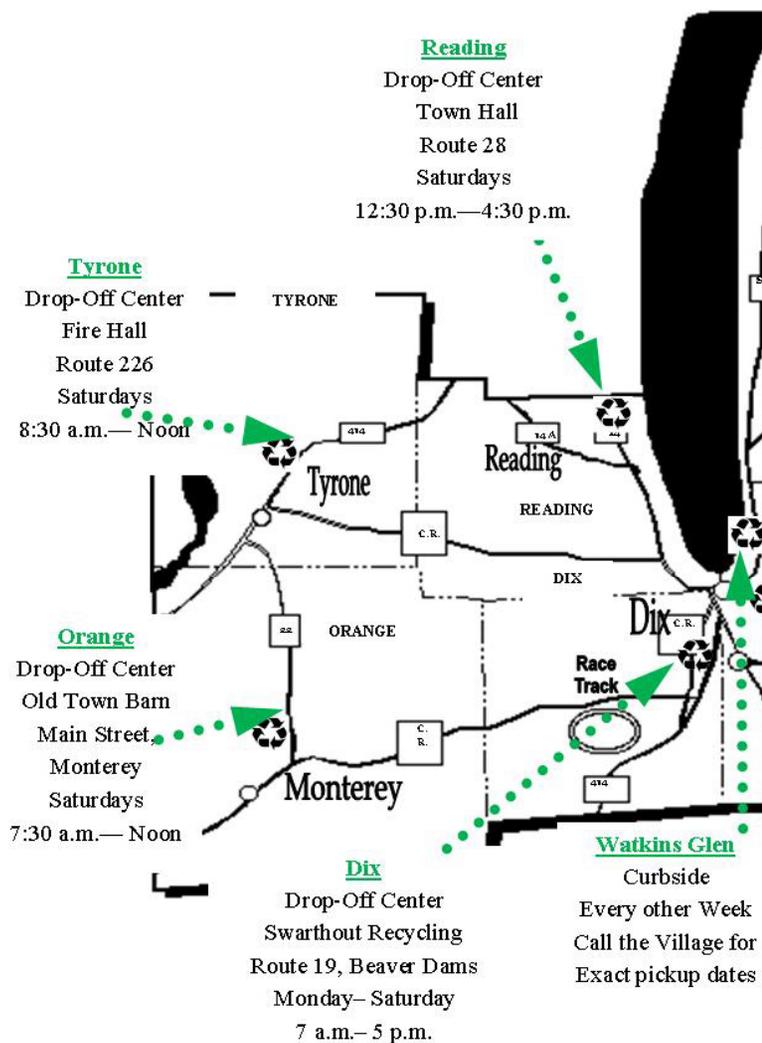
Town of Reading  
Town Hall, Rte 28  
Saturday mornings  
535-7459

Town of Tyrone  
Fire Hall, Rte 226  
Saturday mornings  
292-3185

Many Towns and Villages offer residents a free "Dumpster Day". Call your municipality to find out when yours will be.



# Where Do



**WHY RECYCLE?** Because it reduces the amount of money you spend on your trash bill, saves landfill space, saves natural resources, saves energy — and it's the law!

Air is important in the composting process, the more you turn your pile the quicker you will get a usable compost product. Lack of air in the center of your pile will cause anaerobic conditions which will emit an unpleasant odor.

It is up to you to determine the amount of time you want to put into your pile. The more time you invest will typically result in obtaining usable compost quicker.

Yes	No
Fruits and Veggies	Meat
Breads and Pastas	Dairy
Egg Shells (rinse and crush)	Bones
Coffee Grinds (including the filter)	Fatty Foods (salad dressing, peanut butter, etc)
Paper (newspaper, napkins, etc)	Weeds That Have Gone to Seed
Yard Waste (leaves, grass, weeds)	

There is A LOT more information on composting available at the following websites.

Schuylers County Planning Department:

<http://www.schuylerscounty.us/recycling>

Cornell Waste Management Institute:

<http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu>

Department of Environmental Conservation:

[http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials\\_minerals\\_pdf/compost.pdf](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials_minerals_pdf/compost.pdf)



# Composting

Composting conserves water, reduces reliance on fertilizers, and helps you grow healthier plants. With little expense and effort, you can compost food waste. Yard and food waste make up about 35 percent of household waste so composting can save you money on your garbage bill too!

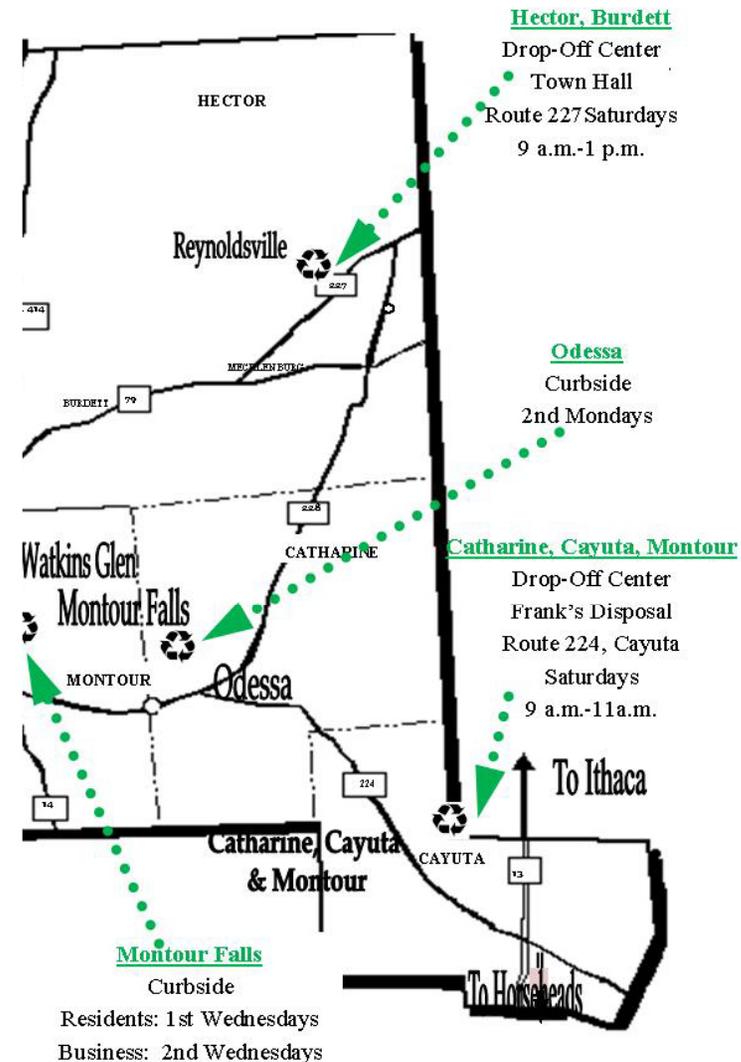
**Type of Bin** To build your own bin, consider using old wood pallets, wooden snow fence, or welded wire or buy one at a local store. What's important is that you have a bin that will work for you! The ideal size of your bin/pile should be 3' x 3' x 3'. It must be large enough to hold heat and moisture and small enough to admit air to the center of the pile. Check out our website for design plans.

**Location** You will need to determine the best location for your composting area. The location of your bin should not interfere with lawn and garden activities and should be in a convenient location close to a water source. The more convenient the location is, the more likely you will be to compost.

**What to Compost** Almost all natural, organic material will compost, but not all organic material *should* be composted. Some items produce a more pungent odor when breaking down leading to odor and pest problems and should be avoided. Not only do you need to determine if a material is compostable, you also need to determine if it is a source of carbon or nitrogen. Most compostable materials do not naturally meet the 30:1 ratio and a blend of materials should be added. It's not rocket science, just be sure to add a variety of materials to your pile to enhance the composting process.

**How to Compost** Place compostable materials in your bin and completely cover with a minimum of 1" of brown material (leaves, sawdust etc.) Periodically you will need to check the moisture content of your pile to ensure that it feels like a well wrung out sponge; damp but not too wet.

# You Recycle?



If you have a **LITTERING COMPLAINT**, call the Schuyler County Sheriff's Office at 535-8222. Penalties for littering include fines and possibly community service.

**Single Stream Recycling**– you no longer have to separate your recyclables. Simply place ALL acceptable items in your bin. **Source Separated Recycling**– you have to separate each recyclable material into separate bins.

<p><b>SINGLE STREAM</b> Towns of Orange and Reading Villages of Montour Falls, Watkins Glen and Odessa</p>	<p><b>SOURCE SEPARATED</b> Towns of Catharine, Cayuta, Dix, Montour, Hector and Tyrone</p>
<p><b>PLASTICS</b> (everyone needs to do this)      Remove all caps      Clean items      NO non-container plastics</p>	
<p><b>ANY</b> plastic bottle or container</p>	<p><b>NO</b> stackables (yogurt, butter, cottage cheese containers)</p>
<p><b>METAL</b> (everyone needs to do this)      Clean items      Place lids inside cans      Flatten if possible</p>	
<p>All food &amp; beverage cans. <b>No</b> paint cans, dried cans go into the garbage. Save oil and lead based paint for hazardous waste collection day)  Clean aluminum foil &amp; aluminum baking tins  No scrap metal (Call Swarthout's at 936-4998)</p>	<p><b>No</b> aerosol cans (full or partially full cans should be saved for a hazardous waste collection day)</p>
<p><b>GLASS</b> (everyone needs to do this)      Clean items      Remove all caps      Remove all plastic rings</p>	
<p>Clear, green &amp; brown bottles and jars from food and beverages only .  <b>No</b> broken glass, light bulbs, mirrors, ceramics, plates, mugs, pottery, or drinking glasses</p>	<p>See single stream listing</p>
<p><b>PAPER</b> (Everyone needs to do this)      No hard cover books      No paper plates or paper towels      No waxed paper, paper with crayon or paint</p>	
<p>All newspaper, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, phone books, office and computer paper</p>	<p>See single stream listing</p>
<p><b>CARDBOARD</b> (everyone needs to do this)      Keep it dry      Remove excess tape and staples      Flatten boxes</p>	
<p>All corrugated (grooved boxes), cereal and other food boxes, empty soda &amp; beer cases, tissue boxes, grocery &amp; lunch bags (any color)  <b>No</b> pizza boxes or cardboard with wax, plastic or styrofoam</p>	<p><b>Only</b> corrugated boxes (grooved boxes) (Odessa, Hector, Catharine, Cayuta, Montour drop-off)  No egg cartons  <b>No</b> pizza boxes or cardboard with was, plastic or styrofoam</p>
<p><b>Did your recyclables get missed by curbside pick up? Call your Village office.</b></p>	
<p><b>If putting items out to the curb in plastic bags, <u>DO NOT TIE</u> bags.</b></p>	