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Various locations throughout the county are set up to receive your recyclables. **Certain** ones also receive some scrap metal items as described below.

The locations and times are as follows:

- MOSA Oneonta Station – I-88 Exit 13 to Silas Lane (Mon – Sat 7-3)
- MOSA Cooperstown Station – NYS 28/80, 1 mi. north of village (Tue- Sat 7-3)
- Cherry Valley – NYS 166, north of village (Sat 8-11)
- Decatur – Ivan Mereness Road, near hamlet (Sat 7-2)
- Hartwick – Town barn, in hamlet (Everyday 6am-6pm, Metal Recycling M-Th. 6-4:30 & Sat. 8-2)
- Morris – Card Rd, east of village (Th 8-12; Sat 8-2)
- Pittsfield/Burlington – Mumbalo Rd, off Co Rt 49 (Sat 9-3)
- Richfield Springs – Elm St Ext, east of village (Sat 7:30-1)
- Schenevus – Tannery St, south of hamlet (Mon & Sat 7-1)
- Schuylers Lake – Town barn, north of hamlet (Sat 10-12)
- Springfield – NYS 80, 2 mi. north of Rt 20 (Sat 8-12)
- Unadilla – NYS 7, west of village (Wed 12:30-4:30 & Sat 9-1)
- Westford – Strong Hill Rd, north of hamlet (Tu & Sat 6-2)
- Worcester – Town barn, in hamlet (Tu & Sat 7-11)

Aerosol Cans – (food service, cosmetics, paints, pesticides, etc) – Recyclable. See “Containers”.

Air Conditioners – The MOSA stations in Oneonta and Cooperstown take them for \$20/unit even if they contain Freon gas. The recycling stations in Cherry Valley, Morris (local residents only), Pittsfield, Richfield, Schenevus, Springfield, Unadilla, and Westford also accept units for about \$10-25 if they still contain Freon. At the Decatur station, the Freon must first be removed by a certified individual.

Antifreeze – Bring to the County’s Hazardous Waste Collection Day usually held in early September.

Appliances (counter top) – (blenders, toasters, etc.) – Regular trash, or if substantially made of metal. See “Scrap Metal”.

Appliances (floor models; large) – (washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, freezers) – Handled as scrap metal, except for appliances containing Freon gas. If still in usable condition, may be taken to some thrift shops. *See also “Scrap Metal” and “Refrigerators/Freezers/Air Conditioners” and “Clothing (and household goods and appliances)”*).

Asbestos (friable) – “flies in the air”; dust particles; hazardous (e.g., wrapping material used on pipes and ducts) – MOSA does not accept. Is more regulated by DEC. Certified asbestos remover and disposal facility is required.

Asbestos (non-friable) – (hard, brittle, less hazardous – e.g., house siding material) – MOSA accepts all non-friable asbestos (residential and commercial.)

Barrels – Plastic water barrels must be rinsed and the ends cut off to ensure that they no longer hold any water, as required by landfills. Then they can be disposed of as regular waste at the transfer stations.

Batteries (automotive) – Free to dispose when you buy a new one at any retailer. If you don’t have an old one to trade-in, you’ll pay a \$5 surcharge. By law retailers must accept used lead-acid batteries from customers. Also accepted at Otsego Auto Crushers (432-2375) on Rt. 23 Southside in Oneonta open M-F 8am-5pm and Saturday mornings.

Batteries (household – disposable and rechargeable) – Carbon zinc and alkaline are safe to throw away in the regular trash and have no recycle value. All of the other batteries around the house still contain mercury, silver, lead or other dangerous materials. Bring to the County’s Hazardous Waste Collection Day usually held in early September.

Books (hard cover) – Regular trash.

Books (soft cover) – Take to local recycling station, or leave for your solid waste hauler with recyclables.

Cardboard – Take to local recycling station, or leave for your solid waste hauler with recyclables. Must be flattened. Can be dirty, but not wax-coated. May be mixed with paper recyclables, except at MOSA stations in Oneonta and Cooperstown where it is placed into separate containers.

Carbon Oxide Detectors – Regular trash.

Clothing (and household goods and appliances) – Thrift shops may take unwanted household items in

good clean usable condition. Otherwise, clothing is trash.

Computers and Computer Monitors – See “*Electronics*”.

Construction and Demolition (C&D) Debris – Old lumber, sheetrock, shingles, old fixtures, carpeting, etc. are accepted at the MOSA solid waste transfer stations in both Oneonta and Cooperstown. Only homeowners, bringing their own waste, may use the Cooperstown station.

Containers – (food, beverage, laundry and toiletries) – Take to local recycling station, or leave for your solid waste hauler with recyclables. Includes: milk and juice cartons; glass bottles and jars of all colors; tin and steel food and beverage cans; aluminum pans, cans and clean foil; metal jar lids. All of the above can be mixed together. ***Does not include the following that are trash*** – mildewed or moldy containers; window panes, light bulbs, mirrors; tile; Pyrex, ceramics and drinking glasses; Styrofoam or foam packing; plastic items numbered 6-7 or without recycling numbers; motor oil containers; paint and pesticide cans; spray cans; pots and pans; clothes hangers; plastic tubs, pots and trays.

Contaminated Soils - See “*Soils*”

Copiers – See “*Electronics*”.

Dehumidifiers – See “*Refrigerators*”.

Driveway Sealers – Bring to the County’s Hazardous Waste Collection Day usually held in early September.

Explosives – Contact your local police department.

Electronics (home entertainment) – Can be recycled for a modest charge. Drop off at Edison Computers located at 571 Main Street in the east end of Oneonta, M-F 9am-6pm and Sat 12-5pm (call 432-9311). Or use the monthly drop-off service at the Oneonta Solid Waste Station on the first Saturday each month from 8am-2pm. Take Exit 13 off I-88 and follow nearby Silas Lane to the station. Computer monitors at \$5 apiece, TVs from \$5 – \$25 depending on size, and microwaves at \$2. All other home entertainment electronics – VCRs, printers, etc. – are free. Why recycle? Many of these items contain toxic substances such as lead, mercury and cadmium. Visit www.edisoncomputers.com for more information. You can also bring them to the County’s Annual Hazardous Waste Collection Day in early September.

Fertilizers – Bring to the County’s Hazardous Waste Collection Day usually held in early September.

Flower Pots – Regular trash.

Fluorescent Bulbs or Lamps (unbroken) – (includes new-type “twisty” compact fluorescent light bulbs) – Currently most are hazardous waste due to their mercury content. Bring to the County’s Hazardous Waste Collection Day usually held in early September.

Fluorescent Bulbs or Lamps (broken) – (includes new-type “twisty” compact fluorescent light bulbs) – Throw away as trash in a puncture-proof container. Please read the following safety precautions:

How should I clean up a broken fluorescent bulb? (from www.energystar.com)

EPA recommends the following clean-up and disposal guidelines:

Before Clean-up: Vent the Room

- Open a window and leave the room for 15 minutes or more.
- Shut off the central forced-air heating/air conditioning system, if you have one.

Clean-Up Steps for Hard Surfaces

- Carefully scoop up glass fragments and powder using stiff paper or cardboard and place them in a glass jar with metal lid (such as a canning jar) or in a sealed plastic bag.
- Use sticky tape, such as duct tape, to pick up any remaining small glass fragments and powder.
- Wipe the area clean with damp paper towels or disposable wet wipes and place them in the glass jar or plastic bag.
- Do not use a vacuum or broom to clean up the broken bulb on hard surfaces.

Clean-up Steps for Carpeting or Rug:

- Carefully pick up glass fragments and place them in a glass jar with metal lid (such as a canning jar) or in a sealed plastic bag.
- Use sticky tape, such as duct tape, to pick up any remaining small glass fragments and powder.
- If vacuuming is needed after all visible materials are removed, vacuum the area where the bulb was broken.
- Remove the vacuum bag (or empty and wipe the canister), and put the bag or vacuum debris in a sealed plastic bag.

Disposal of Clean-up Materials

- Immediately place all cleanup materials outside the building in a trash container or outdoor protected area for the next normal trash.
- Wash your hands after disposing of the jars or plastic bags containing clean-up materials.
- Check with your local or state government about disposal requirements in your specific area. Some states prohibit such trash disposal and require that broken and unbroken lamps be taken to a local recycling center.

Future Cleaning of Carpeting or Rug: Vent the Room During and After Vacuuming

- For at least the next few times you vacuum, shut off the central forced-air heating/air conditioning system and open a window prior to vacuuming.
- Keep the central heating/air conditioning system shut off and the window open for at least 15 minutes after vacuuming is completed.

Food Waste – Try composting. Contact the Otsego County Conservation Association at (607) 547-4488 or Cornell Cooperative Extension at (607) 547-2536 for more information. Otherwise, food waste is trash.

Furniture and Mattresses – Accepted at MOSA’S Solid Waste Transfer Stations in Oneonta and Cooperstown.

Garbage – Household garbage and other trash can be taken directly to MOSA’s solid waste transfer stations in Oneonta and Cooperstown at the rate of about \$4 per 30 gallon bag. Garbage can also be left out for pick-up service by your local hauler (see website for list of haulers). Many of the local recycling stations in the county have a local garbage hauler on-site on Saturday mornings to take bagged garbage for about \$2-3 per bag.

Garbage Cans (plastic, metal) – Plastic cans are regular trash. Metal cans – *See “Scrap Metal”*.

Gasoline – *See “Old Gas”*.

Glass (bottles and jars) – Recyclable. *See “Containers”*.

Hard Cover Books – *See “Books (hard cover)”*.

Hazardous Wastes – Try to give leftovers to someone who can use them. Try using non-hazardous alternatives. Bring to the County’s Hazardous Waste Collection Day usually held in early September.

Juice Cartons – Recyclable. *See “Containers”*.

Laundry Baskets (plastic) – Recyclable. Can be combined with other recyclable plastic containers.

Lawnmowers – *See “Scrap Metal”*.

Microwave Ovens – *See “Electronics”*.

Mobile Homes – At least four private businesses handle the demolition and removal of mobile homes. Please contact the following: Tom’s Mobile Home Repair and Transport (Tom Gott – Edmeston – 607-965-8021); J&C Mobile Home Transport (Dick Williams – Sherburne – 607-674-4929); Bob Hoffman (serving northern Otsego County only) – 315-866-5873 and William Bawolak - 315-717-4449 (servicing all of Otsego County).

Motor Oil – As required by State law, used motor oil must be accepted *free of charge* at businesses that service motor vehicles and sell more than 500 gallons of oil per year, and the retailers that don’t service vehicles but sell more than 1,000 gallons annually. It is limited to 5 gallons/person each day. Some of these places use the old oil as a heating fuel and may take even more. Some other industries that burn waste oil may also accept this.

Needles/Syringes – Do *not* set out with recyclables. Snap off the needle and break the syringe tube to prevent second-hand use. Place used needles and syringes in a puncture resistant container. We recommend a large laundry detergent bottle. When the bottle is full, screw the lid on tight and tape the lid shut with duct tape or packing tape. Clearly label the bottle “NEEDLES”. You can dispose of them with regular trash; however, do not put the container in a bag with other garbage. Leave the bottle for your local garbage hauler on the curb next to your regular trash so the hauler can handle it. We would strongly suggest you call your hauler to inquire if they have any other requirements for handling needles and syringes. They can also be dropped off at the out patient lab at Foxcare and at the out patient pharmacy at Bassett Healthcare.

Oil Filters – Bring to the County’s Hazardous Waste Collection Day usually held in early September.

Old Gas – Bring to the County’s Hazardous Waste Collection Day usually held in early September.

Old Mobile Homes – See “*Mobile Homes*”.

Paint Chips – Regular trash.

Paint, Latex – Bring to the County’s Hazardous Waste Collection Day usually held in early September. Mark the lids “L” for latex. Paint is received (with no limit) and eventually re-mixed for free distribution to municipal or not-for-profit agencies. Small amounts should be poured into absorbent material and thrown away as trash. Empty cans, or cans with dried out material, should be thrown away as trash with the lids removed.

Paint, Oil-based – Bring to the County’s Hazardous Waste Collection Day usually held in early September. Mark the lids “O” for oil. Small amounts should be poured into absorbent material and thrown away as trash. Empty cans, or cans with dried out material, should be thrown away as trash with the lids removed.

Soils, Contaminated – Soils being excavated and removed due to pollution for example, by an underground leaking oil tank or septic system need to be disposed of in accordance with DEC regulations. Deliveries may be accepted at state certified landfills. Before excavating, contact the Fulton County Department of Solid Waste for at 518-736-5501 or recycle@co.fulton.ny.us for further details and confirmation of delivery.

Paper – Take to local recycling station, or leave for your solid waste hauler with recyclables. Includes: newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, manila folders, envelopes, paper bags; white, colored, notebook and fax paper, carbonless business forms; wrapping paper (non-metallic), greeting cards; phone books, books (soft cover); clean cardboard including corrugated boxes (wavy middle layer); clean pizza boxes; single layer cardboard (gray, brown, and non-waxy white boxes). All of the above can be mixed together. ***Does not include the following that are trash*** – food wrappers, paper plates, cups, tissues, napkins; soaked paper and yellowed newsprint; carbon paper, blueprint paper, plastic express envelopes; metallic gift wrap and all bows; waxed paper; plastic bags; frozen food boxes. See “Books” and “Cardboard”.

Pesticides – Bring to the County’s Hazardous Waste Collection Day usually held in early September.

Plastic Containers – Must be labeled as #1 - #5 on or near the bottom, and cannot include containers that were formerly used for petroleum or other hazardous products, such as oil or antifreeze. Please be sure they are all rinsed. Please flatten large milk jugs.

Plastic Planters/Trays –Regular trash.

Plastic Buckets, Pails –Regular trash.

Plastic Toys – Regular trash.

Pool Chemicals – Bring to the County’s Hazardous Waste Collection Day usually held in early September.

Printers – See “*Electronics*”.

Propane Tanks/Cylinders – Can be disposed at MOSA’s stations in Oneonta or Cooperstown at no charge as scrap metal items. Also accepted at Otsego Auto Crushers (432-2375) on Rt. 23 Southside in Oneonta open M-F 8am-5pm and Saturday mornings. Valves should be removed before disposal. Can also bring to the County’s Hazardous Waste Collection Day usually held in early September.

Railroad Ties – Can be disposed of as regular trash. Even with creosote they are considered regular trash. These should never be burned.

Refrigerators, Freezers, and Air Conditioners – Are accepted from county residents at various locations. The MOSA stations in Oneonta and Cooperstown take them for \$15/unit (if they contain Freon gas) or at no charge if the Freon has been removed and a tag of certification is attached. The stations in Cherry Valley, Morris (local residents only), Pittsfield, Richfield, Schuyler Lake, Springfield, Unadilla and Westford also accept units for about \$10-25 if they still contain Freon. At the Decatur station, the Freon must first be removed by a certified individual. See “*Appliances*” and “*Scrap Metal*”.

Rigid Plastic Buckets, Pails, Toys – Regular trash.

Roofing Material – Accepted at the Oneonta and Cooperstown MOSA Stations. Only homeowners, bringing their own waste, may use the Cooperstown station. See “*Construction and Demolition (C&D) Debris*”.

Scrap Metal – Can be recycled at no charge. Old appliances, lawn mowers, bicycles, BBQ grills, sheet metal, aluminum siding, lawn chairs, copper and iron pipes, car parts, etc. Do not include hazardous materials, safes (they contain asbestos), home electronics or paint cans. Take to local recycling drop off stations in: Decatur, Morris (Morris village and town residents only), Pittsfield (Burlington & Pittsfield town residents only), Richfield, Schenevus (Maryland town residents only), Schuyler Lake, Springfield, Unadilla and Westford; or at Otsego Auto Crushers (432-2375) on Rt. 23 Southside in Oneonta open M-F 8am-5pm and Saturday mornings; or at MOSA’s Oneonta and Cooperstown stations.

Smoke Detectors – Wrap in newspaper, double bag and place in regular trash.

Solvents – Bring to the County’s Hazardous Waste Collection Day usually held in early September.

Spray Cans – See “*Aerosol Cans*”.

Syringes – See “*Needles*”

Telephones and Answering Machines – Regular trash.

Televisions – See “*Electronics*”.

Thermostats/Thermometers containing Mercury- Bring to the County’s Hazardous Waste Collection Day usually held in early September.

Tires – Help tires last longer by keeping them properly inflated. Take to a local tire dealer when buying new tires. Take to the MOSA stations in Oneonta and Cooperstown for a modest charge. MOSA has the following approximate charges – auto tires up to 17” (without rims – \$1.75; with rims – \$2.50); commercial truck tires up to 24.5” (only accepted without rims) – \$6.25; all other tires without rims – \$.36/lb. Take to a local tire collection that your town *may* hold in the spring.

Toner (cartridges and waste toner containers) – Office Max will accept and dispose of toner cartridges, even brands that they do not carry.

Trash – See “*Garbage*”.

Used Motor Oil – See “*Motor Oil*”.

Vacuum Cleaners – Regular trash.

VCRs – See “*Electronics*”.

Wrapping Paper – Recyclable, except that metallic paper and all bows are trash. See “*Paper*”.

Yard Waste – City of Oneonta residents can use yard waste facility on Silas Lane after calling city DPW for appointment to enter yard. Other communities – local programs vary; call local clerk for more information. Is accepted as trash at MOSA stations.