

Choose the Right Way...to Throw Away

Questions? Call the *Garbage Cowboy* at (607) 547-4225...or...



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Please follow this guide to *Choose the Right Way to Throw Away*.

IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT the garbage from your home, from your business, from your local school, and from your local institutions **be delivered to MOSA** (the Montgomery-Otsego-Schoharie Authority). Otsego County has an agreement to guarantee that the waste generated in our county will be delivered to MOSA. If some of our waste "leaks" elsewhere, the county must pay a penalty. In 08 Otsego faced its first shortfall penalty in many years, and it was a significant cost. With heightened public awareness a shortfall can be avoided in 09.

KEEP RECYCLING! Our guarantee of garbage to MOSA is separate from New York State's mandate for us to recycle. Otsego's law to separate recyclables is implemented with a system of convenient drop-off locations throughout the county. Additionally, pick-up service is provided by many garbage haulers. While the recycling market has tumbled since last October due to global economic factors, Otsego's recyclables are still collected and go to a facility prepared to accept them. View the slightly revised program guidelines on the reverse side of this newsletter.

Recycling bins are available for rent to use at your group events. Funds support the County Fair Recycling Initiative. Call the office for more information.

A to Z...How do I get rid of....aerosol cans, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, lawnmowers, paint, medications, tires, abandoned mobile homes...anything! Find the answers for dozens of items at the county's website www.otsegocounty.com/solidwaste. Find details on where to take discarded items, cost for disposal (if any), list of solid waste haulers serving Otsego County, and other helpful information.

Take to MOSA year-round: refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, furniture, mattresses, carpet, construction and demolition (C&D) debris, and tires for a fee. Scrap metal at no charge (also see chart on reverse).

MOSA Facts – Oneonta station 432-9540 – I-88 Exit 13 to Silas Lane open M-Sat 7-3; Cooperstown station 547-5967 – NYS Rt 28 north of village open only Sat and Wed 8-2:30. Cooperstown station is open only for residents bringing their own waste materials. Pay – \$106/ton, \$4 per bag (\$16 min. up to 360 lbs). Charges are doubled for uncovered loads, including deliveries from residents. Remember to use a tarp!

Electronics can be recycled – Home entertainment electronics (some at a charge) may be taken to Edison Computers, 571 Main Street in Oneonta. Call 432-9311. Why recycle? Many of these items contain toxic substances such as lead, mercury and cadmium. Visit www.edisoncomputers.com for more information.

Hazardous Wastes for disposal at no charge – The county's very popular Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held on a Saturday this fall (probably in September) at a location to be determined. Qualifying small businesses can come the day before. Bring your paints, solvents, old gas, antifreeze, auto batteries, pesticides, electronics, etc. You must pre-register in late August to get your preferred time slot. Details will appear in newspapers and on the radio.

BURN BARRELS CREATE HIGHLY TOXIC SMOKE. The county urges you not to use burn barrels. Packaging and paper when burned release dangerous gases derived from synthetics.

Burning produces dioxin, a highly toxic compound formed when products containing carbon and chlorine are burned. They have been linked to health problems including cancer and developmental and reproductive disorders. Because burn barrels do not have the same strict controls as municipal incinerators, **a barrel with its low temperature combustion releases significant amounts of this toxin.**

Currently, no state or county laws ban open burning in towns with less than 20,000 people. At least a couple towns in Otsego County – Otsego and Oneonta – *do* ban open burning. If a neighbor's burn barrel smoke affects your property, call the County Solid Waste Office at 547-4225.

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RECYCLING DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

*** Find the Location Closest to You ***

Otsego County residents can drop-off recyclables at any of these locations.

Drop off your bottles & cans, paper and cardboard. Trash (usually for a fee) and scrap metal (at no charge) may also be brought to these locations. Refrigerators, A/C – see reverse side. No hazardous wastes. Questions...call (607) 547-4225.

Facility	Location	Days & Times	Trash Collected	Scrap Metal	Other
Oneonta (432-9540 Mon - Sat)	MOSA Station (I-88 Exit 13 to Silas Lane)	Mon – Sat, 7 – 3	Yes, from anyone (fee)	Yes, from anyone (no fee)	Electronics (fee) on 1 st Sat monthly from 8 – 2; tires (fee) any day
Cooperstown (547-5967 Wed & Sat only)	MOSA Station (NYS 28/80, 1 mi. north of Cooperstown)	Wed & Sat, 8 – 2:30	Yes, from county householders only (fee)	Yes, from anyone (no fee)	Only residents bringing own waste; tires (fee) any day
Cherry Valley	Rt 166, n. of village	Sat, 8 – 11	Yes, from anyone in county (fee)	No	None
Decatur	Ivan Mereness Rd, near hamlet	Sat, 7 – 2	Yes, from town of Decatur residents only (no fee)	Yes, from anyone (no fee)	None
Hartwick	Town barn, in hamlet	Everyday, 6-6	No	Yes, from anyone (no fee)	None
Morris	Card Rd, east of village	Thr 8 – 12; Sat 8 - 2	Yes, from town & village of Morris residents only (no fee)	Yes, from town & Village of Morris residents only (no fee)	Brush from Morris residents only
Pittsfield/Burlington	Mumbalo Rd, off Co Rt 49	Sat, 9 – 3	Yes, from town of Pittsfield & Burlington residents only (no fee)	Yes, from towns of Pittsfield & Burlington residents only (no fee)	None
Richfield	Elm St Ext, east of village	Sat, 7:30 – 1	Yes, from anyone in county (fee)	Yes, from anyone (no fee)	Brush from Rich Spa village/town residents only
Schenevus	Tannery St, south of hamlet	Mon & Sat, 7 – 1	Yes, from town of Maryland residents only (no fee)	Yes, from town of Maryland residents only (no fee)	None
Schuyler Lake	Town barn, north of hamlet	Sat, 10 – 12	Yes, from anyone in county (fee)	No	None
Springfield	Rt 80, 2 mi. north of Rt 20	Sat, 8 – 12	Yes, from town of Springfield residents only (fee)	Yes, from anyone (no fee)	Brush from town of Springfield residents
Unadilla	Rt 7, west of village	Wed, 12:30 – 4:30 & Sat, 9 – 1	No	Yes, from anyone (no fee)	None
Westord	Strong Hill Rd, north of hamlet	Tue & Sat, 6 – 2	Yes, from town of Westford residents only (no fee)	Yes, from anyone (no fee)	Clean lumber from town of Westford residents only
Worcester	Town barn, in hamlet	Tue & Sat, 7 – 11	Yes, from anyone, Sat 8 – 11 only (fee)	No	None

All of our recyclables (bottles, cans, paper and cardboard) are transported to a Materials Recovery Facility in Utica, NY. Materials are sorted and then sent to markets where they are processed into other consumer goods including fleece clothing, new containers and new paper products manufactured at facilities in the eastern U.S. The following guidelines are set by the facility we use and can be separated into these two groups:

- **(1) FIBER MATERIALS: Paper** – can include newsprint and glossy inserts, magazine, books (soft cover books), office paper, junk mail, and packaging such as beverage and cereal boxes. **Cardboard** – must be flattened. Cardboard can be dirty, but not wax-coated. Mix in with paper recyclables.
- **(2) COMINGLED CONTAINERS: Plastics** – containers labeled #1 - #5 on or near the bottom, *cannot* include containers that were formerly used for petroleum or other hazardous products, such as oil or antifreeze. **Cans and containers made of metal, glass and plastic** – can be mixed together (they are later separated at a facility). Includes plastic coated paper milk and juice cartons. Glass cannot include pottery or pane glass. Please be sure all containers are rinsed!
- **MORE DETAILS SHOWN AT:** www.otsegocounty.com/solidwaste

