

MAY 2023



RECYCLING MATTERS

FOR A WASTE-FREE COLLAR CITY

Household Hazardous Waste

We've covered it before, and we're doing it again. This is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Crash Course 101! What falls under this category? Why are special disposal days required? Do I really have to wait to get rid of my old paints?

The Basics of HHW

Household hazardous waste, or **HHW** for short, is a category of items that are:

- corrosive
- flammable
- and/or toxic ☠

if thrown out in your regular garbage, they can harm our Sanitation team, the environment, and do damage to our trucks! These special events help keep our planet and people safe! Once the materials at the event are collected, our HHW vendor uses several methods, including recycling, remixing, and fuel creation to safely recover and/or dispose of them.

Some examples of household hazardous materials are: gasoline, pesticides/chemicals, mercury, and fire extinguishers. A complete list of items is available at www.troyny.gov/hhw.

While we accept paints and paint-related products at our HHW disposal events, they can be recycled through the NYS PaintCare program **year-round**. **PaintCare** is a nonprofit organization that encourages the recycling of paint and related products. New York State adopted their program in 2022 to make the recovery of paint more convenient for businesses, organizations and individuals. To find a drop-off location near you, visit <https://www.paintcare.org/states/new-york/>.

Household Hazardous Waste Event

Our first household hazardous waste event of 2023 will be **Saturday, May 13 at the Troy Resource Management Facility**. Advanced registration is required. Visit www.troyny.gov/hhw for details or call City Recycling Specialist Naomi Pitkin at **(518) 279-7313**. Approximately one week before the event, you will receive an email with your scheduled time slot. Please check your email's spam and junk folders for an email from naomi.pitkin@troyny.gov.

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Pictured: a pesticide container, gasoline, and bleach.

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Earth Day 2023

Thank you to all who hosted neighborhood and community cleanups!



Pictured: six people pose for a photo after their neighborhood cleanup.



Pictured: bagged trash and bagged leaves collected at an Earth Day cleanup are placed outside for pickup.

Another successful Earth Day 2023 is in the books! We had over 20 citywide cleanups, spanning from Lansingburgh to South Troy. Thank you to all hosts, volunteers, and to our Sanitation Department for another great year of beautification projects.

Reusable Bags

Replacing plastic and paper bags, one at a time



Pictured: six people pose for a photo after their neighborhood cleanup.

In 2021, we started distributing reusable bags to community organizations, nonprofits, and Troy residents. These bags are purchased with funding from New York State's disposable bag tax, where non-reusable bags cost five cents at most retail stores.

We just distributed our latest bag design - "Staying Cool in Troy NY" to food pantries throughout the City. This go around, we secured reusable cooler bags! This will help keep any grocery items the pantries provide cool and fresh in the hotter months. Once all the food pantries, community organizations, and nonprofits receive their bags, we will start giving them out at City Hall. Stay tuned!

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Battery Recycling Program

Drop-offs at City Hall and the Department of Public Works

We are excited to announce a pilot battery recycling drop-off program! We are offering this service starting mid-April. To make sure your batteries are eligible for disposal, use the [Battery Identification List](#).



Pictured: the white battery recycling program bucket.

Drop-off locations:

- **City Hall**, 433 River Street, Suite 5001 (Mayor's Office).
Monday - Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm
- **Department of Public Works**, 3118 7th Avenue.
Monday - Friday, 7:30am to 2:30pm

The following battery types are accepted in our pilot program:

- Alkaline
- Zinc Carbon
- Nickel Cadmium
- Lithium-Ion
- Lithium Primary
- Mercury Batteries
- Silver Oxide
- Button Cells
- Lead Acid - Non-Spillable

Directions: tape the battery's terminals (ends) with **clear tape** and drop them into the bucket!

Upcoming Events

COMMUNITY-BASED SUSTAINABLE EVENTS

TROY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FACILITY (ALAMO) OPEN

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 1

Services: food scrap drop-off, pallet pick-up, mulch pick-up

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT - TROY

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