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RECYCLING MATTERS

FOR A WASTE-FREE COLLAR CITY

Welcome to the new newsletter:

We've redesigned our "Recycling Matters" newsletter, which will cover all things **reduction, reuse, and recycling-related**. It includes an events calendar for special collection days and other community cleanups or green initiatives; materials management resources; and community news spotlights.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

HHW stands for Household Hazardous Waste, or the leftover hazardous products we typically use in our homes. In this case, 'hazardous' applies to any products which can:

- catch fire
- react with other products
- explode
- or corrode other materials.

These hazardous products can include things such as pesticides, paint, and other chemicals, and require special handling for safe disposal. The City of Troy offers several Household Hazardous Waste collection days in 2021, in partnership with the Town of East Greenbush and Bethlehem.

The Do's and Don'ts:

Don't: pour/dump chemicals, cleaners, etc down the sink or outside

Do: bring your household hazardous waste to special collection days

Don't: mix half-full containers of leftover HHW products

Do: keep all HHW products in their proper containers with labels intact

Don't: place containers of household hazardous waste in uncovered/open areas

Do: read and follow handling instructions on the product's label

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Pictured: Cart of household hazardous items, including paint, pesticides and other chemicals.

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Register for our Household Hazardous Waste Day

This year, the City of Troy is holding four special collection days for household hazardous products. For these events, the City has partnered with the Town of Bethlehem and East Greenbush

The next Household Hazardous Waste Day is coming up fast! **Sign-up online for Saturday, August 28th from 8 AM to 2 PM at the East Greenbush transfer station.** The address is 246 Ridge Rd, Rensselaer, NY 12144.

Residents who pay property taxes for the City of Troy, Town of East Greenbush, or Town of Bethlehem can take advantage of this service. To attend, register in advance online by visiting BETHhw.org. We will also be tabling at the Troy Waterfront Farmer's Market on Saturday, August 7th, from 9 AM to 2 PM for in-person sign-ups.

A full list of household hazardous waste products accepted at the City's special collection days is available on BETHhw.org as well.

Household Hazardous Products Alternatives

The city of Troy offers special collection days to encourage proper handling, but there are other alternatives to buying hazardous products.

Many household hazardous products can be replaced with homemade alternatives. **Products, such as glass-cleaner, furniture polish, and more, can be made using products you may already have at home, such as baking soda, vinegar, and lemon juice.** By making your own cleaning products, less hazardous products enter the waste stream and landfill (but hopefully not the landfill!).

For more information on alternative eco-friendly products, visit the EPA website at epa.gov/saferchoice. For a list of homemade alternatives, visit the DEC website at dec.ny.gov/public/43593.html.



***Pictured: Closet full
of household hazardous products.***

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Upcoming Events

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

*FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF
AT TROY WATERFRONT FARMER'S MARKET
WEEKLY ON SATURDAYS, 10 AM TO 2 PM*

*ALLEY RALLY - [MORE INFO HERE](#)
AUGUST 28, 10 AM TO 2PM*

*HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY
REGISTER HERE
AUGUST 28, 8 AM TO 2 PM*

Meet the Team:

TOM ABBOTT
SANITATION SUPERVISOR

EMMA YARDE
ACCOUNT CLERK

RUSTY ZEIGLER
SANITATION FOREMAN

FRANK CHRISTOPHER
LITTER PATROL OFFICER

RENEE PANETTA
RECYCLING COORDINATOR

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LITTER PATROL OFFICER

NAOMI PITKIN
RECYCLING SPECIALIST

MIKE O'BRIEN
LITTER PATROL OFFICER

We'd like to feature businesses, individuals, and organizations who are doing great things in the eco-friendly, sustainable, or waste-free worlds.

If you know a business or individual you'd like featured, please contact our Recycling Specialist, Naomi Pitkin, via email at Naomi.Pitkin@troyny.gov or phone at (518) 279-7313.

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