

# ALLEGANY COUNTY

# Recycling 2008

ALLEGANY COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE

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### ALLEGANY COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM

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## Recycling Guidelines

Paper & Cardboard		Plastic Containers	
What's Recyclable	What's NOT!	What's Recyclable	What's NOT!
<p><b>Cardboard boxes:</b> cereal boxes, shoeboxes, corrugated cardboard, etc. Including brown paper bags.</p> <p><b>Mixed papers:</b> newspapers, magazines, lined paper, computer paper, copypaper, junk mail, envelopes, etc.</p>	<p>Padded mailing envelops, manila folders, powder detergent boxes, milk cartons, and juice boxes: put in the garbage.</p> <p>Any paper product coated with wax or contaminated with food please discard.</p>	<p><b>All plastic containers, bottles, and jugs</b> with #1 through #7 on the bottom including items such as:</p> <p>Milk jugs, water bottles, laundry detergent, shampoo bottles, yogurt and butter tubs.</p>	<p>Styrofoam, plastic bags, food and candy wrappers, toys, non-containers.</p> <p>Rinse out containers and throw away lids.</p> 
Glass Bottles & Jars		Metal Cans	
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<p>Recycle all glass containers bottles and jars that are clear, green or brown.</p> <p><b>Examples: mayonnaise jars, jam and jelly jars fruit juice jars, etc.</b></p> <p>Rinse + discard lids.</p>	<p>Glass containing lead such as auto glass and window glass cannot be recycled.</p> <p><b>No</b> - Plates, dishes, china, drinking glasses, pottery, light bulbs, broken glass.</p>	<p>Most metal cans we use everyday are recyclable. Recycle steel, tin and aluminum cans.</p> <p><b>Soup cans, fruit + and veggie cans, juice cans, etc.</b> Remove labels and rinse.</p>	<p>Don't recycle aerosol cans aluminum foil, pie tins or trays.</p> <p>Throw away metal lids from glass containers.</p> 

## Composting Workshops 5/5 and 10/3

Home composting workshops are being offered this year on the following dates: The spring session will be at the Belfast Library on May 5th and start at 7:30 pm. The fall session will be at the Scio Library on October 7th and start at 5:30 pm. The home composting workshops last about an

hour. Pre-registration is required and a registration fee of \$35.00 must be received prior to the workshop. Seating is limited and only Allegany County residents may attend. Each participant will receive the SOIL MAKER HOME COMPOSTING UNIT. Complete how to in-

structions are given along with a slide show and outdoor instructions. Registration forms can be found in the Allegany County Penny-Saver 2 weeks prior to the events or by calling the Recycling Coordinator @ 585-268-7282.

## Do You FreeCycle?

Looking for the ultimate freebie? A giving movement is spreading like a grassroots wildfire across the globe and has come to Allegany County. The Freecycle community harnesses the power of the internet to connect local individuals looking to give something away with those who would like to acquire it. The only requirement is that everything be free. Allegany County's Freecycle Group can be found here: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AlleganyCountyAreaFreeCycle>.



**For added assurance call 1-888-567-8688**

to remove your name from lists used by credit card companies and direct marketers. This number reaches all 4 major credit bureaus. Calling removes your name for 2 years.



## Materials Exchange Catalog Available

MAT-EX is more than just a listing catalog. It provides businesses, schools and institutions, non-profit service organizations, or government agencies with extensive services designed to help profit and not-for-profit organizations reduce their waste and disposal costs.

Member services include:

- Triennial Catalogs
- On-Line Access
- Continuous On-Line Listing Updates

MAT-EX: Western/Central New York Materials Exchange Program to exchange unwanted or unusable products that would otherwise be discarded at the landfill, and/or locate free or inexpensive materials that can be used in daily business operations.

MAT-Ex acts as a conduit between those who have materials and those that may be able to use them.

MAT-EX, the first listing catalog of "usable items" in New York State provides "Available" and "Wanted" listings for a variety of non-hazardous materials including the following: office equipment,

construction materials, machinery, and durable goods.

Current local listings include available wire mesh, metal strips, and wooden dowels in Fillmore NY, tablet arm chairs in Houghton NY, and Metal locks in Wellsville NY. Current wanted items include ceramic tiles in Angelica NY and nativity figures in Cuba NY. For the latest catalog or to get on our mailing list call 585-268-7282.

All listings are free. Check us out at [www.mat-ex.org](http://www.mat-ex.org).

## Making It La\$t: Free Money Saving Guide

Fix it, Trade it, but don't Trash it! Over 455 local businesses are listed in the latest "**Allegany County's Making it La\$t**" guide. The catalog is a money saving guide to repairing, reusing, and renting goods in the local area. It was compiled to help encourage local residents to repair and reuse items instead of throwing them away. County Coordinator says, "We see so many items come into the transfer stations and the land-

fill that are still good and useful, but only need some fixing." Often repairing or renting items is a much more inexpensive alternative compared with the cost of a buying something new. The repair section lists all the places you can go to repair practically anything that may need fixing in your home or office. Repairing items instead of throwing them away reduces the amount of waste that requires disposal at the county landfill. The

repair section lists local hardware stores where you can find most any repair material you may need. There is also a section listing general contractors, plumbers, and electricians if you prefer to hire someone to do a minor repair. Making it La\$t is a resource county residents can use to find merchants locally when wanting to shop Allegany County first. Free copies available by calling 585-268-7282.

## Reducing Junk Mail Just Got Easier

Did you know Americans receive almost 2 million tons of junk mail every year?

To most folks in Allegany County, any junk mail is too much. If your mailbox is overflowing with **UNWANTED JUNK MAIL** here's how to put an end to it! Simply call us and get a copy of our "STOP Junk Mail" card. You will greatly reduce the amount of junk

mail you receive and you'll help increase the efforts of the Allegany County Recycling Program. This will be effective for 5 years. The trick is to be sure to list all variations of your name (and misspellings) as they appear on the junk mail you receive. But be patient – it will take a few months before any relief is seen. Don't forget to do this at work too. For addi-

tional information on this topic, go to [www.privacyrights.org](http://www.privacyrights.org). Any questions or to get a copy of the Stop Junk Mail card please call 585-268-7282.

Don't forget... you have to keep doing this every 3 or so years. If junk mail is coming back... send in another card and call the number in the side bar.

# Household Hazardous Waste Day Scheduled for September

The Allegany County Department of Public Works is announcing their 10th annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day to be held September 6, 2008. The collection will be held from 8:00am to 12:00pm at the County Landfill in Belmont. Some of the items accepted include oil based paints, insecticides, poisons, pesticides, solvents, and pool chemicals. Pre-registration is required and only Allegany County residents can participate. Some items such as



ammunition, explosives and medical waste are excluded from this event. Commercial, businesses and farming waste is excluded.

Common household products with warning labels that read danger, poison, and caution are considered potentially hazardous and should not be casually thrown into the garbage. Incidental amounts of chemicals found in products could eventually become concentrated in the landfill causing problems such as toxic fumes, flash fires, or chemical burns, and as a consequence the County Landfill does not accept any hazardous waste.

Over 300 calls are handled each year about how to disposing of hazardous chemicals found in their basement, garage or barn. Chemicals may be outdated or residents may have purchased property and inherited unwanted paint, garden pesticides or abandoned a hobby like photography and have leftover supplies they have no idea how to dispose of properly. The public is advised to safely store any potentially hazardous material until the collection in September. For any questions on household hazardous materials or to register for this years event please call 585-268-7282.

## Computers & Electronics Recycling

A recycling container is available at the County Landfill and each Transfer Station for computers and electronic items such as fax machines, copiers, telephones, cell phones, printers, keyboards, stereo equipment, VCR's, DVD players, and any PDA items. The materials are recycled and sent to a certified electronics dismantler in New York State.

# New Latex Paint Exchange Program for 2008

From May 1st to September 1st Allegany County will operate a new latex paint exchange program at the Landfill. County residents can now bring their usable leftover paint to the Exchange where it will be sorted and then distributed to others who can reuse it, at no cost. The Paint Exchange is for Allegany County businesses, non-profits, and residents only. We will NOT accept empty paint cans. If you have empty paint cans, they should be put with your regular garbage. We do not recycle paint cans.

### Reminders:

If you have small quantities of latex

paint to dispose of, put kitty litter into a plastic bag and pour in the paint. When hard, place in the trash. The empty cans may then be disposed of in the trash with the lids removed. We can not take lead-based, oil-based paint, aerosol cans, thinners, lacquers, or stains at the shed. If you have any paint not acceptable at the Paint Exchange Shed, save it for the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day held in September. Questions call 585-268-7282.

### If you are dropping off paint:

- You MUST have an Allegany County Solid Waste or Recycling Tag (Permit).

- You MUST sign a waiver stating that the paint is latex and is of good quality.
- Paint must measure more than 3 inches in the can or be substantially full. The paint will be opened for inspection, it must be smooth with no lumps.
- We accept 5-gallon pails, 2-gallon containers, 1-gallon and quart cans only. No drums or larger containers.

### If you are picking up paint:

- We have only latex paint.
- You MUST sign a release waiver absolving the County of liability.
- Under no circumstances is the paint to be resold.
- Paint may not be mixed at the site.

# Needle Disposal - Think Sharp!

Proper disposal of medical syringes at home can prevent injury, illness, and pollution. Allegany County DPW's Safe Syringe Disposal Program makes syringe disposal easy and safe. Residents can receive FREE individual sharps containers at any county pharmacies or any county solid waste facilities. Household sharps should be properly disposed of at one of the 5 different drop boxes located throughout the county. All the free sharps containers include an attached label with the disposal locations

and a brochure describing safe handling of used needles. The Allegany County Safe Sharps Collection Program greatly increase the awareness of proper sharps disposal and greatly decrease the exposure of injury to our solid waste employees and provide the public with a simplified and easily accessible disposal system for their home generated sharps. Questions should be directed to Allegany County's Recycling Coordinator @ 585-268-7282.

### Sharps Drop Box Locations:

- Bolivar Transfer Station**  
(Wed. and Sat.)
- Caneadea Transfer Station**  
(Wed. and Sat.)
- County Landfill, Belmont**  
(Tues. thru Sat.)
- Wellsville Transfer Station**  
(Tues. thru Sat.)
- K-Mart Wellsville**  
(during store hours)



# 101 Tons of Wearable Clothing Collected and Reused

The County used clothing sheds collected 101 tons of wearable clothing and household items in 2007! This equates to over 404,000 garments, up 25% from last year. Each County Transfer Station is equipped with a permanent 10X12 shed for recycling used clothing and household "Bric - A - Brac"



items. We accept any wearable clothing including shoes, belts, purses, coats,

hats, boots, and any usable linens, blankets, drapes, and curtains. All items need to be clean and bagged in plastic bags prior to coming to the transfer station.

Additionally, usable household Bric-A-Brac" items can be recycled. Items such as pot and pans, dishes, toys, stuffed animals, dolls, and nick knacks can be accepted for recycling. Items should be placed in boxes or bags. For more information please contact the County Recycling Program at 585-268-7282.

All clothing and household items are being reused and shipped to locations in need, here in U.S., Third World Countries, and to Red Cross disaster zones.

## USEABLE ITEMS ONLY

No pillows  
No rags  
No fabric scraps  
No electric items  
No furniture  
No baskets  
No garbage

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Lead-Acid Batteries:** Accepted at any transfer station and County landfill; place in designated areas.

**Household Batteries:** Do not discard; save for household hazardous waste day.

**Hard Cover Books:** Do not discard; special box for recycling @ Landfill Only.

**Telephone Books:** Can be recycled with newspapers. Paperback books can be recycled too, contact local library or recycle with newspapers!

**Scrap Metal:** Accepted at any transfer station and County landfill; place in designated areas.

**White Goods:** (large appliances) accepted at County landfill only, no charge.

**Construction/Demolition Debris:** All C&D debris accepted at Allegany County Landfill only for a fee of \$35/ton. Residential tag holders may dispose of incidental amounts at transfer stations of no more than one bag or trash pail per day. No bricks, masonry, soil, rocks or pavement. Questions call 585-268-5400.

**Vegetable Oil:** We don't accept it. Try calling Andover 588-610-6635 or Elmira 607-734-3661 or Buffalo 800-729-0655.

**Fluorescent Bulbs:** Do not discard; save for household hazardous waste day.

### Materials NOT Accepted at Landfill/Transfer Stations

Yard Waste - Any Liquid Waste - Hazardous Waste

## Free Tire Days Scheduled for 2008

Back by popular demand, the Allegany County Department of Public Works is announcing free tire collection days for 2008. Tires can be brought to any County Transfer Station by a resident with a valid solid waste disposal permit on selected days. Persons are limited to four (4) tires per permit. The tires must be 20" diameter or less and have any rims removed. Anyone wishing to dispose of larger tires or more than four (4) tires will be directed to the County Landfill where the normal tire charges will apply.

Each transfer station and the County Landfill will have a free tire collection day.

### Free Tire Day Schedule

Caneadea Transfer Station, St. Rte. 19 – July 5<sup>th</sup>

Canaseraga Transfer Station, St. Rte. 70 – July 12<sup>th</sup>

Cuba/Friendship Transfer Station, Co. Rd. 20 – July 26<sup>th</sup>

County Landfill/Belmont, Co. Rd. 48 – August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Alfred Transfer Station, Satterlee Hill Rd. – August 9<sup>th</sup>

Bolivar Transfer Station, Dean Flats Rd. – August 16<sup>th</sup>

Wellsville Transfer Station, Island Park Entrance – August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Locations will be open from 8:00am until 3:30pm. An additional employee will be available on each tire recycling day to check permits and direct residents where to recycle tires. There will be no charge for tires on these special days. Any question should be directed to the County Landfill @ (585) 268-5400.

