

The *Re*•Directory

A Guide to Reuse in Tompkins County



Remember!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rebuy.

Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division 2007

Welcome to the pocketbook edition of the **RE•DIRECTORY**
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We hope that the following suggestions for reuse will help you in reducing the amount of waste you have to throw away and will provide some useful ideas for alternatives to disposal. Giving new life to old goods saves money on waste disposal, saves space in landfills and the natural resources needed to make new products, and can make usable goods available to others. You can feel satisfaction knowing that your still functioning refrigerator or warm winter coat can provide useful service to someone else.

The purpose of this guide is to provide information that is currently available to us on outlets for reusable items, as well as information on rental, repair and recycling. Consider this as a place to start in looking for outlets for items no longer wanted or needed. Also use this guide if you are searching for second-hand goods to purchase. There are bargains awaiting you at garage, yard and rummage sales, consignment shops, thrift and second-hand stores.

Note: In most cases, phone numbers have been provided for each listing. Be sure to check with an outlet first before trying to redirect an item. This will save unnecessary steps in case the item is not acceptable.

While we have updated this list to the best of our ability, it may not be complete. If you have suggestions for additions, please notify the Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division at 273-6632 so that we can add them to the next edition. We welcome your feedback.

Thank you for helping reduce Tompkins County's waste!

The **Re•Directory** was compiled by Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division staff. Information provided in this guide is accurate to the best of our knowledge, as of June, 2007. The Solid Waste Management Division does not imply any endorsement of the goods or services listed in this guide. Listings may change without notice.

For comments, suggestions or questions, please call the Solid Waste Management Division office at 273-6632 or 273-5700. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:30 pm.

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HOW TO USE THE RE•DIRECTORY

Items in this guide are listed alphabetically by category. Each category listing provides information on how to redirect the item for reuse, or, if no reuse opportunity exists, how to recycle it, when possible. Users of this guide are often referred to the Bell Atlantic *Yellow Pages* for listings of repair and recycling services. Selected reusers/recyclers of materials are listed in the guide that do not appear in the *Yellow Pages*.

REPAIRING

Often a broken household item, such as a piece of furniture or appliance, can be repaired, usually for much less than the cost of replacing it. Before you throw out that threadbare old chair or squeaky washing machine, call a service center or repair shop and give your household goods new life by repairing them.

This guide lists a selection of repair services for several of the categories of reusable or repairable items. Since businesses change, be sure to consult the *Yellow Pages* of your Verizon phone directory to obtain the most current information about rental and repair services.

RENTING

For items that you would use only occasionally, consider renting rather than buying. Items, such as power or hand tools, party tents and supplies, formal wear, costumes, furniture, and equipment, are widely available to rent and will save you the cost of buying, storing and maintaining them.

REUSE

Many things we discard may be useful to others. For example, outgrown children's clothing can be either sold on consignment or donated to second hand stores, or social service agencies and they will make the goods available to those who need them. There are always great bargains to be had at second-hand stores. Other ways to provide goods for reuse range from garage or yard sales to donating items to rummage sales. Some things may be given away for free by advertising in "free" columns of local newspapers and swap sheets. Antique stores are just another

form of reuse for items that still have value and appeal. When goods continue to change hands and find new homes, they are kept out of the waste disposal system.

School teachers and day care providers know the value of second-hand craft materials, such as egg cartons, scrap fabric, yarns, plastic containers, spools, berry baskets, packing peanuts, ribbon, and buttons, using them for art projects. Children have the opportunity to learn the valuable lesson of conserving resources by converting materials that otherwise would have been thrown away into endearing collectibles. So before you pitch out those fabric scraps that have been cluttering up your storage closet, contact a local school, day care center or nursery school for reuse in art activities.

CREATIVE REUSE

Our mothers and grandmothers knew the value of reuse when they made patchwork quilts and braided, crocheted and hooked rugs out of old clothes. A braided rug made from wool clothing can last for years and has special charm. Patchwork quilts become family heirlooms. If you don't do craft projects yourself, perhaps you can find someone who would like your outmoded or unwanted clothes or fabric scraps to use for rug-making. Also remember that out-of-style clothing can sometimes be altered to fit more current fashion looks. Check the *Yellow Pages* for alteration services.

REBUY

Buy products/items that still have life left in them and buy products that are made from recycled materials

JUST LET IT ROT!-NATURE'S REUSE -HOME COMPOSTING

Most of your kitchen scraps, such as fruit and vegetable peels, cores and other trimmings, coffee grounds, tea bags, egg and nut shells, along with yard wastes, such as leaves, grass, and garden trimmings, may be composted at home in a compost bin or pile. These organic materials break down with the aid of naturally occurring organisms, producing a soil-like material that can be returned to your flower gardens, shrubbery or lawn to improve and enrich the soil. Meat, bones, fats, and dairy foods should not be put in compost bins since they can attract pests and interfere with the composting process.

Composting saves you money on trash tags and commercial fertilizer. It gives you a rich, organic product to help your soil drainage and moisture content. Composting saves energy and resources by not having to haul the organic wastes to a landfill or other waste disposal facility.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County has a Master Composter program to assist local residents in setting up and maintaining successful home composting. Call the "RotLine" at 272-2292 for more information.

The Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division sells Earth Machine compost bins, bases for the bin and also turners for your compost pile at cost. The bins are functional and convenient to use, keeping the compost materials completely enclosed and protected. Call 273-6632 or 273-5700 for purchasing information.

Remember: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rebuy!

FABULOUS FACTS ABOUT REUSE

Did you know that reuse outlets for household and business goods are one of the fastest-growing new business activities in the US? There are some 13,000 reuse businesses or agencies in North America and the number is increasing every day. Reuse is a promising area for economic growth and new jobs, with the added benefit of making goods available at low cost.

Over two million tons of reusable durable goods were recovered in 1993 and the number is growing each year. We still have a long way to go, however. The US Environmental Protection Agency estimates that there are some 24 million tons of potentially reusable goods that are discarded yearly. The more we reuse, rent, reduce, repair and recycle, the less we have to throw away and the more natural resources we preserve.

Be sure to check out the Waste Reduction Tips and Holiday Ideas pages for easy ways to cut down on your waste.

Here are a few categories to show that reuse covers a very wide spectrum of activities, beyond what you might typically think:

- antiques
- auction
- consignment
- flea market
- factory outlet
- liquidator
- pawnbroker
- repair/restoration
- second-hand
- surplus/salvage
- thrift/non-profit

ANTIFREEZE



Used antifreeze can be very toxic if disposed of improperly.

Wilcox Tire and Service- 273-6310

- Also batteries and motor oil

Recycle:

Several local gas stations offer antifreeze recycling; call to determine if antifreeze is accepted and for preparation guidelines. The Tompkins County Household Hazardous Waste Management Facility, (the D.E.P.O.T.), accepts antifreeze during scheduled events. Call 273-HHWM (273-4496) for further information.

APPLIANCES



An appliance that is still functioning can be donated to someone who needs it. Below are some local agencies that can use donations of large and small working appliances. Call first to find out what is needed.

Re•Direct:

American Red Cross, 273-1900

Salvation Army Family Thrift Store, 272-5323

Repair:

Cayuga Appliance Service, 227-2920

- also freon removal and major appliances.

Manley Business Machine, 387-5706

- Will recondition calculators, typewriters, etc

Also check the *Yellow Pages* under Appliances-*Household-Major-Services and Repair* for qualified appliance repair shops.

Rent:

Consider renting major appliances if you are planning to live somewhere for a limited time. Renting a refrigerator or washing machine will save you the expense of moving the appliance or having to sell it at the end of your stay.

Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Appliances-Household-Major-Renting and Leasing*.
Rent-A-Center, 277-2794

Recycle: Tompkins County Recycling and Solid Waste Center (RSWC) Also check with local scrap metal dealers to see if they will accept non-working appliances. Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Scrap Metals*.

Note: There is a \$20 charge at the RSWC for refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners that still contain Freon®. The charge will be waived if the Freon® has been certifiably removed and customer shows written documentation as proof of the removal.

AUTOMOBILES AND PARTS

Re•Direct: Auto Salvage of Ithaca, Inc., 272-8061



Danby Motors, 273-8049

- Any metal salvage material including cars, trucks and boats, running or not running, anything related to automotive. Will pay for old cars. Also will take stoves, washers, dryers, etc. No freon items.

National Kidney Foundation of Central New York,
1-877-8KIDNEY (toll-free) or 315-476-0311

- Old cars will be picked up free of charge by a local towing business. Also boats, motor homes, motorcycles, jet skis, snowmobiles, other vehicles.

Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Automobile Wrecking* and *Automobile Parts and Supplies-Used and Rebuilt*.

- Repair:** There are numerous auto repair businesses. Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Automobile Repairing and Service* . You can ask auto clubs for lists of reputable repair garages.
- Rent:** Auto leasing can sometimes be convenient and cost-effective. Check the *Yellow Pages* under *Automobile Leasing* for local auto leasing companies.
- Recycle:** See salvage business listings above under *Re•Direct*.

BABY FURNITURE

The Teen Pregnancy/Parenting Program, 273-1055 cribs, playpens, baby gates, high chairs, other baby equipment.

BAGS



To reduce the need for recycling bags, carry reusable cloth bag for your grocery and other shopping. You can also reuse paper and plastic grocery bags for your own shopping needs before recycling them. The GreenStar Cooperative Market will even give a 5 cent rebate for each bag you bring to bag your own groceries.

A few retailers accept bags for reuse. Bags to be donated should be clean, free of any trash or food residue and folded flat. There are recycling outlets in Tompkins County for both paper and plastic grocery bags.

PAPER BAGS

Re•Direct: Ithaca Farmers' Market
• Check with individual vendors to see if they can reuse paper bags.

Lansing Food Pantry- 533-4070

Salvation Army Family Thrift Store, 272-5323
Mary Searles, 533-4920

Recycle: Tompkins County RSWC Drop-Off area (see the Recycling Page)
Some local supermarkets: Tops, P+C, Wegman's

PLASTIC BAGS

Bags should be clean and free of any paper or food residue.

Re•Direct: Salvation Army Family Thrift Store, 272-5323
Service League Shop, 272-2120

Recycle: Some local supermarkets and other stores:
Tops Markets, Wegmans, P+C, Eckerd's Drug Stores



BALING TWINE

Sciencenter, 272-0600
Reinvention Station



BATTERIES-HOUSEHOLD

Invest in rechargeable batteries and a recharge for dry cell household batteries, which will save your money and conserve resources. Some rechargers are solar-powered.

BUTTON CELL BATTERIES (MERCURY/SILVER-OXIDE, AND LITHIUM)

Button cell batteries, such as those used to power cameras, wrist watches, calculators, hearing aids and the like, may be accepted for recycling through local photo shops or jewelry stores. Cells must not be leaking. Call ahead to confirm acceptability and preparation guidelines. May also bring to Tompkins County Household Hazardous Waste D.E.P.O.T. 273-4496 (HHWM).

DRY CELL BATTERIES (AA, C and D flashlight type)

To prolong the life of dry cell batteries, store them safely in a cool, dry place. May be disposed of in the trash, a few at a time, wrapped in a plastic bag. Some rechargeable nickel-cadmium ("ni-cad") battery manufacturers have battery return programs;

customers may either mail them back for recycling or drop them off at participating retailers. The County's Household Hazardous Waste Management Facility (The D.E.P.O.T.) will also accept rechargeable ni-cad and button-type (silver, mercury, lithium) batteries. Call 273-HHWM (273-4496) for more information.

Alkaline = trash, rechargeable = recycle.

Under no circumstances should batteries be burned.

Recycle: RadioShack stores, 257-3465
• Nickel-cadmium (rechargeable) type only. Call first to confirm acceptability.

Staples

• Reurbish and resell in developing countries.

BATTERIES-AUTOMOBILE CAR (Lead-acid)

Lead-acid batteries, such as those used in vehicles, boats and some video cameras, should be recycled through dealers who sell them. Dealers who sell lead-acid batteries are required by New York State law to take them back from customers for recycling.

Recycle: Auto Salvage of Ithaca, Inc., 272-8061
Battery Warehouse, 273-2995
Danby Motors, 273-8049
Crispell Automotive Inc., 273-2596. Call first.
Tompkins County RSWC, 273-6632
Willcox Tire and Service, 273-6310

Check in the *Yellow Pages* under *Batteries-Dry Cell-Whol. and Mfrs.* or *Batteries-Storage-Retail.*

BICYCLES AND PARTS



Keep your bicycle in good repair with frequent tune-ups. Bicycles that are no longer needed or are not working may be donated to a local organization that donates bikes to young people and helps them learn to repair their own bikes. Non-working bikes and parts also may be recycled as scrap metal.

Re•Direct: Recycle Ithaca's Bicycles (R.I.B.S.), 256-5355
530 West Buffalo St., Ithaca

- Bikes/parts in good condition can be dropped off during open hours - Thurs: 3-6 and Sat: 12-3. Will be expanding hours. If you would like a receipt, or have a nice bike to donate call for open hours.

Garage and yard sales

Repair: Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Bicycles-Dlrs., Repairers and Rentals*

Recycle Ithaca's Bicycles (R.I.B.S.), 256-5355
We can help you repair your own bike and teach you how to do your own tune-ups.

Cayuga Mountain Bike Shop, 277-6821

Recycle: Tompkins County RSWC Drop-Off area
(call 273-6632 for guidelines)

Reamer Recycling, 273-1222

BOOKS-GENERAL



There are several used book dealers in the area. Books may also be donated to the Friends of the Library Book Sale, an annual event in Ithaca that benefits the Tompkins County Public Library. Some private book dealers will also trade books. Call used book outlets first to find out what is acceptable. Books should be in good condition. Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Book Dlrs.-Used and Rare*. Children's books may sometimes be donated to pediatric and dental offices and day-care centers, but always call first to find out what is acceptable.

Re•Direct: A Book Barn of the Finger Lakes, 844-9365

- Hardcover and paperback books. Most anything that is old and printed on paper: letters, postcards, old magazines, maps and posters.

Autumn Leaves Used Books, 273-8239

- We buy used books and exchange books, and used records.

CNY Book Auctions, 293-0101

- Used books and artwork

Friends of the Library Book Sale, 272-2223

- Books in good condition; no magazines or moldy, coverless books. Will also take games and puzzles in good condition, and needlework and knitting patterns. www.booksale.org

Bookery 1, 273-5055

- Used and rare books bought and sold.

The Phoenix Rare and Used Books, 347-4767

Captain Matt's Treasure Trove, 844-9500

- Books, comics, baseball cards

Ulysses Philomathic Library, 387-5623

- Books in good condition. Will not accept Reader's Digest Condensed books, encyclopedias, text books, magazines, or Harlequin romance books without covers

BOOKS-CHILDREN'S

Re•Direct: Greater Ithaca Activities Center, 272-3622

- Must be in good condition.

Pediatric and dental offices, day care centers, nursery schools

- Call first to see if books are wanted.

Tompkins County Department of Social Services, 274-5682

- Magazines and books for children's corner of waiting room.

Bright Red Bookshelf - Family Reading Partnership,
54 Gunderman Road, Ithaca, 277-8602

- Redirects gently used Children's books back into the community where they are made available free for families to own. Children's books can be donated at Wegmans, Bookery II, Border, Women's Community Building, YMCA, Starbucks or by calling Family Reading Partnership at 277-8602. Books are cleaned and labeled and set out on a bright red shelves in community locations such as Department of Social Services and TC Family Court. www.familyreading.org

Traveling Books of the Finger Lakes, 387-6330 /
277-8602

- Children's books used in local traveling library/reading program for rural children: picture books for preschoolers; board books for infants. Good to excellent condition. Books in foreign languages accepted. Also accepts plastic crates for storing and transporting books.

The Day Care + Child Development Council,
273-0259

- Accepts quality used books.

Recycle:

Paperback books and hardcover books can be dropped off at the SWMD office to be kept in the lobby for free to customers. Please call Linnett Short, 273-6632. You can remove the covers and they can be recycled as mixed paper at the curb side or at the TompkinsCounty RSWCDrop-Off area (call 273-6632 for guidelines).

Museum of the Earth, 1259 Trumansburg Rd.,
Ithaca, 273-6623 ext. 33

BOTTLES AND CANS-BEVERAGE, DEPOSIT

Re•Direct: Return deposit beverage containers to the place of purchase or to local redemption centers for refunds.



K and H Redemption Center, 900 W. State St.,
Ithaca, 256-1879, Mon-Sat 7:30-6:00pm, Sun 7:30-
4:00pm

The Day Care + Child Development Council,
273-0259

- Clean, frozen juice cans.

Recycle: If you are not interested in collecting your re-funded deposit, consider donating your containers to a youth or other community group as a fundraiser. At least be sure to recycle beverage cans and bottles at the curb in the green recycling bin or at the Tompkins County RSWC Drop-Off area (see the Recycling Pages in the Bell Atlantic *Yellow Pages* or the *Yellow Book* for guidelines).

Museum of the Earth, 273-6623 ext. 33

- bottle caps, can labels, plastic lids

BRICKS AND CEMENT

Re•Direct: Mother Plants, 277 Enfield Main Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850, 256-2482, info@motherplants.net.
• Bricks and cement, whole and broken pieces.

BUILDING MATERIALS



Typically, the activities associated with constructing, renovating and tearing down buildings generate large amounts of waste. If surplus or used materials are salvaged or segregated as the work progresses, they can be donated to those who can use them. Materials could include: sheet rock,

plywood and dimensioned lumber scraps, shingles, roofing paper, blocks and brick, stone, architectural details, such as plumbing fixtures, molding, staircases, banisters, windows and doors.

RENOVATION AND DEMOLITION MATERIALS

Re•Direct: Crossroads: Frank Towner, 533-4977
• Slate roof tiles; used for special art projects.

Significant Elements: Architectural Salvage Warehouse, a non-profit program of Historic Ithaca, 277-3450
• Decorative building elements: reusable doors, windows, trim, plumbing and electrical fixtures. Call for donation schedule.

All reusable building materials, old or new: doors, windows, trim, plumbing, lighting, flooring, lumber, cabinetry, slate, brick, shutters, stained glass etc. Items should be clean and in good condition. Please call first.

BUILDING MATERIALS

Re•Direct: Ithaca Neighborhood Housing, 277-4500
• Clean, usable surplus building materials.

Kat McCarthy, 280-8990
• Foamboard insulation

Give away for building projects or firewood.

Note: Never burn pressure-treated, painted wood or plywood. The preservatives and glues in the wood give off toxic fumes when they are burned and can be dangerous to breathe.

BUTTONS

Re•Direct: Sciencenter Reinvention Station, 272-0600
New Creations, 659-5389
• Old buttons wanted

Museum of the Earth, 273-6623 ext. 33

CALENDARS

Re•Direct: TCSWMD, 273-6632.
•Old Calendars needed for reuse events by the Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division. Can be dropped of at 122 Commercial Ave., Ithaca at the office or at the drop off center by giving to attendant on duty.

Museum of the Earth, 273-6623 ext. 33

CAMERAS - SINGLE USE

Recycle: Ritz Camera, 257-0346

CANNING JARS

Re•Direct: Salvation Army Family Thrift Store, 272-5323.
• Accepts all kinds of glass canning jars in good condition.



Oaksford Business Services, 753-0997
Greenstar, 273-9392
Farmers Market, 273-7109
Kat McCarthy, 280-8998

Garage sales

CELL PHONES

Cell phones donated on behalf of the Advocacy Center- drop off at Verizon or United Way office.

Re•Direct: Lifelong, 119 W. Court St., 273-1511

If your cell phone still works and has a battery charger, you can donate it to the Onondaga County Department of Aging and Youth who will distribute them to Onondaga County senior citizens for the purpose of calling 911 in an emergency situation. You can drop phones off at the following locations:

Onondaga County Sheriff's Dept. Substations:
- 4694 Central Ave., Syracuse

- 7305 Thompson Rd., Cicero
- 201 School Rd., Liverpool

Syracuse Police Store Fronts:

- East; 2450 James St.
- University; 471 Westcott St.
- North; 255 Wolf St.
- Valley; 4141 South Salina St.
- West; 220 South Geddes St.

Liverpool Police Station, 500 Sycamore St., Liverpool

Town of Manlius Police Station, 1 Arkie Albanese Dr.,
Manlius

Baldwinsville Police Station, 16 West Genesee St.,
Baldwinsville

Camillus Town Clerk, 4600 West Genesee St.,
Camillus

Recycle:

Onondaga County Veterans Service Agency, 13th Floor, Civic Center, Syracuse, 435-3223.

- Non-working phones are disassembled and parts are recycled and sold. Funds support the purchase of phone cards for US military in Iraq so they can call home.

CLOTHING



Children often outgrow their clothes before wearing them out. There are several outlets that accept used children's clothing in good condition. Some shops also sell used maternity clothing, baby equipment and toys. Be sure to call each outlet to determine what is acceptable. Clothing

and equipment should be clean and neatly folded. Clothing may also be sold at garage and yard sales.

A clever seamstress or tailor can sometimes turn an out-of-fashion garment into one with a more current style. Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Tailors* for clothing alteration services.

CHILDREN'S

Re•Direct: Mama Goose, 269-0600

- Cash or store credit paid for children's clothing, sizes 0-10, in excellent condition. Baby equipment consigned. Call for details.

Salvation Army Thrift Store, 272-5323

- Clean and in good condition.

The Teen Pregnancy/Parenting Program, 273-1055

- Accepts clean + unstained infant + toddler clothing for children up to age 3.

ADULT AND CHILDREN'S

Re•Direct: Salvation Army Family Thrift Store, 272-5323

- Clean, wearable clothing and accessories, no rags.
- Service League Shop, 272-2120
- We accept family clothing + consignments, must be seasonal, in style, no defects + clean.

The Gemm Shop, 387-5678

- In season, ready to wear, in good condition. Clean shoes, handbags, belts, hats, jewelry, scarves, ties. Nothing needing repair.

Tompkins County Recycling and Solid Waste Center, Commercial Ave.

- Clean, wearable clothing and accessories; bedding, draperies, towels, shoes, boots. No soiled, stained items. No pillows, rugs or carpets. Items must be in clear plastic bags.

Trader K's, 272-4011

- Used clothing in good condition preferred; must be in season; buys and sells.

CLOTHING-WOMEN'S/MEN'S

Re•Direct: Dinosaur Dry Goods, 315-364-5591

- Gently-used boutique clothing for women. Buys used boutique clothing.

The Dressing Room, 272-1520

- Men's and women's interview suits and accessories; must be dry cleaned and ready to wear.

VINTAGE CLOTHING

Re•Direct: Ulysses Historical Society, Trumansburg, 387-6496

- Interested in historic clothing, especially if history of garment is known. Also identified pictures of the Trumansburg Area and local newspaper articles of local historical events.

Rental: Special occasion clothing, such as costumes, gowns, tuxedos and uniforms can be rented instead of purchased.

Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Costume-Masquerade and Theatrical, Tuxedo Rental and Sales, Bridal Shops, or Uniform Supply Service.*

CLOTHESLINE

Re•Direct: Kat McCarthy, 280-8990

COMPACT DISC'S (CD'S)

Recordable CD's have about 20 mg. of gold that can be recovered and some processors can actually remove the data layer and reuse the plastic disc. If you are worried about the info on the disc, you can erase it by putting it in a glass of water and micro-waving it for 5 seconds. Damaged CD's can also be repaired.

Re•Direct: Donate old Music CD's to a local music shop or charity.

Repair: Auraltech, www.auraltech.com

- Will repair discs for about \$3.00 and guarantee the results.

Recycle: Send pre-paid by UPS ground, third-class mail, freight or other surface transportation to:
NESAR Systems, 420 Ashwood Rd., Darlington, PA 16115, (724) 827-1872

Digital Audio Disk Corporation, Attention Disc
Recycling Program, 1800 Fruitridge Ave.,
Terre Haute, IN 47804-1788 (812) 462-8323

COMPUTERS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT



Computers are now a growing, significant percentage of our solid waste stream. Consider redirecting your obsolete computer to someone who could use it. A few local companies refurbish and resell some computer brands and models. A non-functioning computer may still have parts that are reclaimable, such as the circuit boards and hard drives. The same is true for some other types of electronic equipment. Try first to repair items; such as computers, stereo equipment, phonographs, radios, compact disc and tape players.

Re•Direct: Recycled Electronics, 347-4444
• Buys surplus electronic equipment, computers and instruments.

Sciencenter, 272-0600
• Working computers and electronic equipment and related components can be donated to Babbage's Basement (a project of the Sciencenter). Please check the website, www.lightlink.com/babbages, for hours and location.

Ithaca Youth Bureau for the Computer All-Stars Program, 273-8364 ext. 157
where young children learn to rebuild the computer and get to take it home.

Repair: Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Computers-Service and Repair*.

Rent: Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Computers-Renting and Leasing*.

Households = Public Drop Off, Businesses = call D.E.P.O.T.
273-6632

Recycle: TCSWMD 273-6632

- items sent to electronics recycler for reuse or disassembly. Visit www.recycletompkins.org for complete list of acceptable items.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD BOXES



Corrugated boxes are the standard shipping container of choice in the United States. They also contribute about 12% of the nation's municipal solid waste. Unfortunately, most boxes get used only once before being either discarded or recycled.

Save appropriate sized boxes to reuse for holiday shipping needs, or donate them to mail services for reuse.

Re•Direct: Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Packaging Service*.

Recycle: Recycle clean, flattened corrugated cardboard at the curb or bring to the Tompkins County RSWC.

CRAFTS

Re•Direct: Sciencenter Reinvention Station, 272-0600

TCSW Division, 273-6632

- Craft Kits, beads, yarn , material, embroidery items, etc. Used for projects with youth during events.

Museum of the Earth, 273-6623 ext. 33

- yarn, fabric, ribbon, string, twine, dowels, puzzle pieces, cancelled stamps, maps, brochures, buttons, post cards, cancelled stamps, etc

DIAPERS



It is estimated that an infant will require some 10,000 diapers during his or her first two years of life. Disposable diapers contribute significantly to household waste during a child's early years. Since they are designed as single-use items, disposables

waste a huge amount of resources and contribute to about 2% of the nation's solid waste stream. There are several cloth diaper

services in our area that will deliver clean, sanitized diapers for less cost than what you pay for disposables. Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Diaper Service*. You can also buy cloth diapers and launder them yourself for even greater savings.

Re•Direct: Diaper Duty, 539-3008

Cloth diapers make superb cleaning and polishing rags after they have served out their useful lives as diapers.

DRY CLEANING BAGS



Several dry cleaning services and some supermarkets in our area will accept clean plastic dry cleaning bags back for recycling. Bags should be free of paper tickets, tape, pins and staples. Local cleaners also accept wire clothes hangers in good condition. Hangers should be tied with string to prevent tangles. Loose hangers are essentially useless to the cleaners. Call your dry cleaner first to find out what is accepted.

Recycle: Colonial Cleaners, 273-7121

- Bags must be free of paper, tape, pins and staples. Wire clothes hangers must be tied together and neat. No rusty or bent hangers.

Wyllie Dry Cleaning, 273-4500

- Bags must be free of paper, tape, pins and staples. Wire hangers must be clean and tied together. No bent or rusty hangers.

EGG CARTONS



Both paper and plastic egg cartons can be reused for purchasing eggs that are sold in bulk. Some local supermarkets as well as local natural food stores sell eggs in flats so that customers may fill their own egg cartons. A few stores will accept *clean* egg cartons in good condition for their egg suppliers or customers to reuse.

Re•Direct: GreenStar Cooperative Market, 273-9392

- Molded paper pulp cartons in one dozen size only.

Ithaca Farmers' Market

- Check with egg vendors.

Oasis Natural Grocery, 273-8213

- Molded paper pulp cartons in one dozen size only.

Sciencenter Reinvention Station, 272-0600

Recycle: Molded paper pulp egg cartons and berry boxes may be put in with mixed paper in the curbside bins or at the Tompkins County RSWC Drop-Off area (see the Recycling Pages in the Bell Atlantic *Yellow Pages* or the *Yellow Book* for guidelines).

EYEGASSES AND HEARING AIDS



The Ithaca Lion's and Kiwanis Clubs sponsor eyeglass and hearing aid collection programs to benefit the needy. Used eyeglasses, frames, lenses and hearing aids may be left at any of several local optometrist's and optician's offices, as well as at some other outlets. Call your eyeglasses supplier to find out if he or she participates in these programs.

Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Opticians* and *Optometrists*.

Used hearing aids may also be sent to HEAR NOW, an organization that repairs them and makes them available at no cost to hearing-impaired people all over the world.

Re•Direct: eyeglasses
Classic Optical, 273-1234
Dr. Burton Markowitz, 257-1066
Ithaca Cayuga Optical Service, 273-4231
(for Lions Club)
Peter Potenza, 273-1492
Sterling Optical, 257-2333
West Town Optical, 272-7775
Optivision, 272-7441 (Lions Club Drop Box)

Re•Direct: hearing aids
HEAR NOW, 6700 Washington Ave., South, Eden Prairie, MN, 55344.
• Mail hearing aids in small, sturdy box or padded

mailing envelope. Be sure to write return address clearly so they can send a receipt.

West Town Optical, 272-7775

FABRIC SCRAPS



After cutting out a pattern for that new shirt, you may wonder what to do with the leftover fabric. Scrap fabric can have other uses in craft projects or can be donated to schools, 4-H groups, quilters and day-care centers for craft and art activities.

Re•Direct: Greater Ithaca Activities Center, 272-3622
• Clean fabric scraps in limited quantities; call first to find out what is needed.

Sciencenter Reinvention Station, 272-0600

Museum of the Earth, 273-6623 ext. 33

The Day Care + Child Development Council, 273-0259
• Clean fabric scraps for craft projects.

FILM CANISTERS



Those little plastic canisters for 35 mm film make great containers for herbs and spices on camping trips and picnics or for storage of very small items. Some local photo stores will accept plastic photo film canisters for recycling from their customers.

Re•Direct: Reuse for storage.

Recycle: Sciencenter Reinvention Station, 272-0600

FLOWER POTS

A few local greenhouses and nurseries will take certain types and sizes of *plastic* flower pots back for reuse. Pots should be free of dirt and plant materials and in good condition. Call your favorite nursery to find out if they have a reuse program for flower pots.

Re•Direct: Salvation Army Family Thrift Store, 272-5323
• Clean and in good condition.



Greater Ithaca Activity Center, 272-3622. Call first.

Rosewood Farm, Michelle Hardy-Cook, 844-9898
• 1 gallon and up

FOOD



Discarded food in the trash accounts for 11% of our waste nationally. This food, when managed properly, can be turned into a rich soil amendment for the home gardens. Most food waste can be kept out of the waste stream though, municipal programs or home composting. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County's Home Composting Education Program, 272-2292, has all of the information you will need.

1. Keep food out of your trash through composting
2. Surplus food can be donated to local pantries, soup kitchens, etc.
3. Shop carefully to reduce waste

SURPLUS FOOD

Re•Direct: American Red Cross, 273-1900
• Accepts nonperishable food.

Food Bank of the Southern Tier, 800-794-4088

Friendship Donations Network, 272-6758
• Accepts surplus perishable and nonperishable food, dairy, produce, bread, groceries.

Loaves and Fishes, 272-5457
• Accepts canned or other unopened packaged food (especially #10 cans of tomato products, beans, oil, sugar and tea bags,) fresh produce, cooked food from approved commercial kitchens.

Salvation Army Community Center, 273-2400

- Accepts canned and dry staple foods.

The Food and Nutrition program + Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County, 272-2292 can provide thrifty nutritious ways to use leftover foods.

Tompkins County Food Distribution Network,
273-5682

- Accepts canned goods, nonperishable food, baked goods, fresh produce, dairy products, personal care products. tompkinsfood.org

Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard
150 N. Albany Street, Ithaca
(607) 273-2400
Mon.- Fri. 1:30-3pm

Groton Food Providers
701 South Main Street, Groton
(607) 898-3822
2nd & 4th Sat. 11am-noon

Freeville Food Pantry
39 Main Street, Freeville
(607) 844-8760
2nd & 4th Mon. 6-7pm

Lansing Food Pantry
32 Brickyard Road, Lansing
(607) 533-4070
Mondays 4-5:30pm

Danby Food Pantry
1859 Danby Road, Ithaca
(607) 272-1687
3rd Fri. 4-6pm, & the
Thurs. night before, 6-8pm

American Red Cross FP
717 W. Court Street, Ithaca
(607) 272-4426
Sun.- Sat. 9am-9pm

Enfield Food Distribution
182 Enfield Main Road, Ithaca
(607) 273-5682
2nd & 4th Tues. 2-6pm

Southside Community Center
305 South Plain Street, Ithaca
(607) 273-4190
3rd Thurs. 5:30-7:30pm

Newfield Kitchen Cupboard
227 Main Street, Newfield
(607) 564-7823
1st & 3rd Wed. 6-7pm

Dryden Kitchen Cupboard
6 North Street, Dryden
(607) 844-8321
Mon., Fri. & last Sat. 11am-noon;
Wed. 5-6pm

Tompkins Community Action
701 Spencer Street, Ithaca
(607) 273-8816
Mon. & Tues. 1-3:30pm

Immaculate Conception FP
113 Geneva Street, Ithaca
(607) 273-6121
Tuesdays 1-2pm

Caroline Food Pantry
524 Valley Road, Brooktondale
(607) 539-6537
1st & 3rd Mon. 6-7:30pm

Trumansburg Food Pantry
Corner of South & Main Streets, Trumansburg
(607) 387-9024
Every other Monday, 1-2pm

Baptized Church Food Pantry
410 - 412 First Street, Ithaca
(607) 277-6140
Mon. 10am-noon & 3rd Sat.
10am-12:30pm

FURNITURE AND HOUSEWARES



Sometimes it seems easier to throw an item away than it is to find a good home for it, especially in the case of furniture. Try selling that old recliner or baby high chair at a garage or rummage sale. There are several local social service agencies that can use clean furniture and housewares in good condition. Call them first to find out what is needed and appropriate. Also, repairing furniture can save on the cost of buying new items.

Check the *Yellow Pages* under *Furniture Repairing and Refinishing* and *Furniture Stripping*.

Re•Direct: American Red Cross, 273-1900
• Accepts furniture, clean linens, toys, nonperishable food; call first.

Friendship Donations Network, 272-6758 or 273-3661
• Accepts clean linens, towels, toys, small appliances, electronics, eye glasses, unexpired vitamins + medicine, medical supplies, handiwipes with alcohol, flashlights, thermo cold packs. Everything must be clean and in good working condition.

Salvation Army Family Thrift Store, 272-5323

Captain Matt's Treasure Trove, 844-9500

- Buys collectable and antique furniture, dishes, figurines, crystal, Avon Collectibles

Significant Elements, Architectural Salvage Warehouse, 277-3450, a non-profit program of Historic Ithaca Inc.

- Wooden Furniture and cabinetry- please call first.

Unity House, Inc., 272-1741

- Furniture in excellent to good condition; housewares; small working appliances.

Repair: Jean Nowack's Country Caning Shop, 564-9241

- Cane, rush + splint seats.

Phil's Refinishing Service, 387-6550

- Repair & refinishing antique + modern furniture.

Recycle: All metal furniture and housewares: Tompkins County RSWC Drop-Off area (call 273-6632 for guidelines).

GLASS FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONTAINERS



Glass jars can serve as storage containers for dry foods, such as beans, pasta and rice. Pretty glass bottles make nice gifts when filled with flavored vinegars or fruit syrups. Some old canning jars are potential collectibles, so before you toss them out, check with local antique dealers to see if

your jars are worth money. Glass food and beverage containers not intended for reuse can be recycled. *Note:* glass canning jars are not acceptable for recycling.

Re•Direct: Reuse as containers for food and other items.

Recycle: Clean glass food and beverage containers (without lids) may be recycled at the curb or at the Tompkins County RSWC Drop-Off area (see the Recycling Pages in the Bell Atlantic *Yellow Pages* or the *Yellow Book* for guidelines).

GREASE, FRYING OIL AND FAT



Restaurants and other food service providers that generate quantities of used cooking oil, bones and fat arrange to have rendering services pick up these wastes. Used cooking fats are processed into a variety of clean, useful products, such as fertilizer and animal feed.

Recycle:

Southern Tier Hide and Tallow, 1-800-333-1460

- Animal by-products- hides, etc.

Vegpower Systems and Supply, convert@vegpower.com

Baker Commodities, 72116 Taft Park Rd,
E. Syracuse, NY 13057, (315) 458-4901

Liquid Solar, (607) 342-8017

- Converts to solar power

GREETING CARDS

You can give your greeting and holiday cards new life by reusing the fronts as gift tags or post cards.

Re•Direct:

TCSWMD, 273-6632



Accepts holiday and all kinds of greeting cards for youth projects + special environmental events.
Call Linnett Short

Museum of the Earth, 273-6623 ext. 33

Recycle:

Recycle greeting cards (non-metallic foil) in with mixed paper at the curb or at the Tompkins County RSWC Drop-Off area (see the Recycling Pages in the Bell Atlantic *Yellow Pages* or the *Yellow Book* for guidelines).



HANGERS

Metal clothes hangers can be returned to area dry cleaners for reuse. See DRY CLEANING BAGS for guidelines. No loose, bent or rusty hangers.

Re•Direct: Colonial Cleaners, 273-7121

Wyllie Dry Cleaning, 273-4500



HORSEHAIR

A local entertainer reuses the horsehair stuffing from chairs, cushions, piano stools and mattresses to stuff clown shoes. Must be clean.

Re•Direct: Frank Towner, manager of Crossroads the Clown, 533-4977. Also accepts slate tiles for art projects.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS & WASTE



The Tompkins Household Hazardous Waste Management Facility (The D.E.P.O.T.), accepts household materials with hazardous ingredients, labeled as poisonous, corrosive, explosive, or flammable. Improper use, storage or disposal of these products may pose a threat to human or animal health and to the environment.

Re•Direct: Call 273-HHWM (273-4496) for information on using the D.E.P.O.T.

ReBuy: Avoid hazardous cleaning chemicals. To learn more, visit www.fingerlakesbuygreen.org.

HOUSEWARES

see FURNITURE

IRON SCRAP

Recycle: Iron scrap can be taken to local scrap dealers or to the Tompkins County RSWC for recycling (call 273-6632 for guidelines).



Joe Cassaniti, 273-7985

Tompkins County RSWC, Commercial Ave., 273-6632

Reamer Recycling, 273-1222

Significant Elements, 277-3450

- Metal scrap/iron scrap. Fencing, stair rails, roofing materials. Anything ornate, even if broken. Please call first.

JEWELRY



Old or unwanted jewelry can be sold through garage or rummage sales; antique dealers may buy heirloom pieces. Old jewelry may also be donated to day-care centers or elementary schools for dress-up or to theater department costume shops.

Re•Direct: New Creations, 659-5389

Repair: Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Jewelry-Repairing*.

JUNK MAIL



Much of the mail we receive is wanted. However, unsolicited mail accounts for more than 30 pounds per person per year in the United States and is a waste of resources. While there is mail you want to receive, you can take steps to reduce unwanted mail that you do not want by having your name taken off mailing lists.

Recycle: Opened mail can be recycled with the mixed paper at the curbside or at the Tompkins County RSWC Drop-Off area (see the Recycling Pages in the Bell Atlantic *Yellow Pages* or the *Yellow Book* for guide lines). Remember to remove any non-paper items, such as credit cards, product samples and computer disks, before you put the paper out for recycling.

If 500,000 people took advantage of the Federal

Fair Credit Reporting Act, more than 12 million pieces of mail would not be mailed. Help save a forest, call one of the following numbers to remove your name from mailing lists.

Experian 800-353-0809

Transunion 888-567-8688 (888-5optout)

Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, PO Box 643, Carmel, NY 10512. Register by mail or online at www.dmaconsumers.org/consumerassistance.html

KEROSENE, DIESEL, LAMP OIL AND OTHER FUEL OILS



Unless such petroleum products are contaminated with another substance, these materials remain usable under most circumstances, and should be used up, if possible, in accordance with the original label. Kerosene, fuel oils, and diesel fuel-actually a blend of fuel oils-should NOT be used as degreasing solvents, however.

Re•Direct: The County's Household Hazardous Waste Management Facility (The D.E.P.O.T.) accepts fuel oils for proper management. Call 273-HHWM (273-4496) to make an appointment. Call for current collection dates. Some service stations may also accept fuel oils; contact stations to determine whether materials are accepted and whether they are accepted as separate wastes or as mixtures.

LAWN MOWERS

Keeping your lawn mower in good repair will extend its life. Before getting rid of a non-working lawn mower, see if it can be repaired.



Check the *Yellow Pages* under *Lawn Mowers-Sharp-*

ing and Repairing.

A non-repairable lawn mower can be recycled as scrap metal, as long as the gas tank is completely empty and dry. Discard the gas tank cap in the trash.

Re•Direct: Sell working lawn mowers at garage sales or through classified ads or donate to worthy organizations.

Repair: Ithaca Agway Power Equipment, 273-2505

Gene's Machines, S. Lansing, 533-4955
Also lawn mower recycling drop off for parts.

Recycle: Tompkins County RSWC, Commercial Ave., 273-6632
• Gas tank must be empty and dry. Leave tank open.

Reamer Recycling, 273-1222
• Gas tank must be empty and dry.


LINENS

Re•Direct: New Creations, 659-5389
• Old linens and doilies

Museum of the Earth, 273-6623 ext. 33
• Doilies

Linnett Shirt, 844-8075
• Table cloths, doilies, pillow cases, lace in fair condition

MAGAZINES

Re•Direct  Magazines by sharing them with friends or donating them to doctors' offices, hair salons, barber shops, or nursing homes. Colorful magazines with good quality photos can be donated to schools and youth organizations for art projects. As a last resort, magazines can be recycled along with mixed paper.

Museum of the Earth, 273-6623 ext. 33

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Useable, clean, medical equipment such as wheel chairs, walkers, canes, and bathroom safety equipment can be donated to one of Tompkins County's Medical Equipment Loan Closets. Call first to find out what is needed and for instructions to deliver items.

- American Legion, Groton, 898-3837.
(2-6pm M-F, Noon to 6 weekends)
- American Legion, Trumansburg, 387-4212.
(3pm-10pm M-F, 3-11pm Sat, 3-9pm Sun)
- Dryden Vetrans Memorial Home, 844-9900.
(9am-12noon, M-Sat.)
- Fingerlakes Independence Center, Ithaca. 272-2433.
(9am-5pm M-F)

METAL SCRAP

Recycle: Metal scrap, such as iron, steel, copper, zinc, brass, tin and aluminum, can be recycled at the Tompkins County RSWC (call 273-6632 for guidelines) or at local scrap dealers. See the listings under IRON SCRAP or look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Scrap Metals*.

Reamer Recycling, 273-1222

Significant Elements, 277-3450

- Metal scrap/iron scrap. Fencing, stair rails, roofing materials. Anything ornate, even if broken. Please call first.

MILK CRATES

Re•Direct: Greater Ithaca Activities Center, 272-3622



Bright Red Bookshelf - Family Reading Partnership,
54 Gunderman Road, Ithaca, 277-8602

- Plastic milk crates will be used for transporting and storing children's books.

MOTOR OIL-USED



Used motor oil should never be poured down a storm drain, sewer, on soil, or in water ways; nor should oil ever be mixed with gasoline, water, antifreeze, or paint, as it may cause dangerous reactions and it will make it unrecyclable. Used motor oil should be taken to service stations or auto service centers to be recycled. New York State law requires service stations that provide oil change as one of their services to accept, free of charge, up to five gallons of used motor oil per person per day. The only exceptions to this law are if station personnel have reason to believe that the oil is contaminated and/or if the collection tank is full. Bring oil for recycling in unbreakable containers with screw-on lids.

Recycle: Check with your own service station or call the Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division (273-6632) for a list of oil recycling outlets. Empty oil containers are not recyclable and should be discarded in the trash. Used motor oil may be brought to the Household Hazardous Waste Management Facility (The D.E.P.O.T.). Call 273-HHWM (273-4496) for more information.

Wilcox Tire + Service, 273-6310, 233 Elmira Rd, Ithaca

Crispell Automotive Inc., 273-2596. Call first.

MOTORS



Try repair first. If gas-powered and electric motors are beyond repair, they can be salvaged for their scrap value. Electric motors have significant amounts of copper wire and gas motors have metal parts that can be recycled.

Repair: Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Electric Motors-Dealers and Repairing; Engines-Diesel; Engines-Gasoline*.

Recycle: Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Scrap Metal or Automobile Wrecking*.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS



The cost of some musical instruments may be beyond the financial means of a lot of people. Consider donating that beloved saxophone or clarinet that you no longer play to someone who is eager to learn to play an instrument. Instruments, such as pianos, can be rebuilt and sold. Local music stores offer musical instrument rental arrangements. Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Musical Instruments-Rental*.

Repair: Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Musical Instruments-Repairing*.

Re•Direct: Fine Arts Booster Group 273-7579 - Beth LaLonde
• Will accept used musical instruments to be refurbished for distribution to Ithaca City Music Programs. Instruments do not need to be in perfect shape.

NEWSPAPERS

Re•Direct: Share your newspaper with someone else who does not receive a paper. If you don't pass your paper on, remember to recycle it.



Recycle: Recycle newspaper at the curb or at the Tompkins County RSWC (see the Recycling Pages in the Bell Atlantic *Yellow Pages* or the *Yellow Book*).

NECKTIES

Old neckties can be used for craft projects, from converting them to classy vests, lampshades and bow ties to skirts and pillows.

Re•Direct: Salvation Army Family Thrift Store, 272-5323.
• Must be in good condition. No stains or rips.



TCSWMD's front office, 273-6632, ask for Linnett
Kat McCarthy, 280-8998

OFFICE PAPER

Office paper includes white or colored copier bond, letterhead and computer print-out.

Re•Direct: Reuse the clean sides of office copies for drafts or memos.



Recycle: Recycle office paper at the curb or at the Tompkins County RSWC Drop-Off area (see the Recycling Pages in the Bell Atlantic *Yellow Pages* or the *Yellow Book*).

ReBuy: To learn how to buy office paper and other office supplies with recycled content, visit www.fingerlakesbuygreen.org.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT



Keeping your office equipment running in tip-top condition through regular servicing will save money. When buying new equipment, be sure that your items have long-term warranties and can be easily repaired. Outmoded equipment can be donated to nonprofit organizations or may possibly be recycled. Check with your equipment supplier to find out options. Also consider buying used, remanufactured, reconditioned equipment. Often the savings can be considerable over the cost of new equipment.

Re•Direct: Check with local charities, such as the American Red Cross or other agencies, to see if they need office equipment.

Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Office Furniture and Equipment-Used*; *Office Machines-Repairing*; or *Office Supplies*.

Repair: Manley Business Machine, 387-5706
• Will recondition calculators, typewriters, etc

PACKAGING MATERIAL

see Styrofoam® and Corrugated Cardboard Boxes

- Re•Direct:** Sciencenter Reinvention Station, 272-0600
- Will take some smaller packing materials for its creative craft reuse area. Does not take Styrofoam® or Styrofoam® peanuts.



Museum of the Earth, 273-6623 ext. 33

- Light cardboard, tissue paper, wrapping paper

PAINT AND PAINT CANS

- Re•Direct:** Use up paint whenever possible. Give leftover paint to theater groups, housing projects or others who can use it. Paint should be left in original container with the original label intact. Save leftover paint for HHW collection program at the The D.E.P.O.T. To be usable, oil-based paint should be less than 15 years old; latex (water-based) paint must be less than 10 years old and not exposed to repeated freezing and thawing. Paint should be in its original container with the label intact. Unused paint may be brought to the Household Hazardous Waste Management Facility (The D.E.P.O.T.). Call 273-HHWM (273-4496) for more information. Store paint away from sources of water and flame, out of reach of children and pets.



Museum of the Earth, 273-6623 ext. 33

- Paint sample cards

- Recycle:** Paint *cans* that are completely empty and dry with lids removed can be recycled at the RSWC in the scrap metal bin. Empty *aerosol* paint cans may be placed in the curbside recycling bins or in the mixed container bin at the RSWC.

PALLETS

Many retail operations require goods shipped on pallets, usually with pallets left behind, which then become a disposal problem.

Fortunately, most pallets are made of clean wood and can either be repaired by pallet repair services or can be recycled if broken beyond repair. Some businesses put free pallets out for use as fire wood or other uses. Pallets nailed together make sturdy compost bins.

Re•Direct: Give pallets away.
Ask your suppliers to take them back for reuse.

Repair: Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Pallets and Skids* or check with your pallet supplier.

Recycle: Clifton Recycling, Syracuse, NY 315-463-1170

McIntosh Box and Pallet Co., East Syracuse, NY
315-446-9350

PESTICIDES

Re•Direct: Use pesticides up in accordance with labeled guidelines, whenever possible, if pesticides are still commercially available and containers are in good condition with intact labels. Store pesticides away from sources of water and flame, out of reach of children and pets.



Unused pesticides may also be brought to the Household Hazardous Waste Management Facility, (The D.E.P.O.T.). Call 273-HHWM (273-4496) for more information.

ReBuy: Avoid buying hazardous pesticides that you will later have to dispose of. To find out how, visit www.fingerlakesbuygreen.org.

PHOTO CHEMICALS



Some photo processing shops will accept spent developer and/or fixer to be reclaimed. Always keep chemicals separate. Call in advance to confirm acceptability and for preparation guidelines.

Recycle:

Cayuga Color Lab, 272-8389

- Fixer and bleaches must be kept separate from developer and must be in unbreakable, sealed containers. Keep chemicals separate. No longer takes developer.

Ithaca Photo, 273-0353, Ithaca.

- Photographic fixer + photographic bleach.

Used or unused photo chemical may also be brought to the Household Hazardous Waste Management Facility (The D.E.P.O.T.). Call for current collection dates. Call 273-HHWM (273-4496) for more information.

PHOTO EQUIPMENT

Re•Direct:

A-Ha! Books, Fine Art and Antiques, 257-6488

- Cameras, enlargers, old photos, postcards (no chemicals).



PILL BOTTLES

Some area veterinarians reuse *plastic* pill bottles when dispensing pet medications. Call your animal doctor to find out if she or he has a reuse policy. Bottles should have child-proof lids.

PROPANE TANKS

Recycle:

Ehrhart Propane Gas, 387-8881

- Tanks wth gas 80# and down. Will accept with or without gas.

QUILTS



Handmade quilts can become heirlooms. Check with antique dealers to see if your old quilt is a collector's item. If you no longer need your quilt, donate it to someone who could use it. Also, old quilts can be donated to quilters and church groups who make quilts for the homeless. See the listing under FABRIC SCRAPS.

Re•Direct: American Red Cross for antique stores, church quilt projects, homeless shelters, social service agencies and thrift stores.

New Creations, 659-5389

Linnett Short, 844-8075

RADIOS



Working radios can be donated to local community groups or schools or sold at garage sales. Check with a repair shop to see if your nonworking radio can be fixed.

Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Radios-Repair*.

Re•Direct: American Red Cross, 273-1900

Also see the COMPUTERS and ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT listing in this guide.

RECORDS AND AUDIO TAPES



Records, audio tapes, CD's and software may become collectors items over time. If in good condition, they may be donated or traded at used record and tape outlets or donated to the Friends of the Library Book Sale.

Re•Direct: Friends of the Library Book Sale, 272-2223
• Call first to find out what is acceptable.
Captain Matt's Treasure Trove, 844-9500

SCRAP METAL

See METAL SCRAP

SMOKE DETECTORS

Recycle: American Sensors, (800) 387-4219

Black & Decker, 3485 Erie Blvd E., Syracuse, NY 13214

Code One/Firex/Maplechase:
Firex For Disposal, (800) 445-8299, 28C Leigh
Fisher Blvd., El Paso, TX 79906

Dicon, 3334 Main St., Skokie, IL 60076

First Alert/BRK, (800) 323-9005
Ground Mail to: First Alert, Radioactive Waste
Disposal, 780 CClure Road, Aurora, IL 60504-2495

Life Saver/Frynetics Inc, 1055 Stevenson Court,
Suite 102W, Roselle, IL 60172

Safety's Sake/Fun-tech, 388 North Elliot Creek Rd.,
Amherst, NY 14228

SPORTS EQUIPMENT



Used sporting goods may still be useful to others, if in good condition. Donate or sell sports items at garage or rummage sales. Sports equipment may also be repaired. Check with local equipment dealers to see what can be repaired. Many short-term use items may also be rented instead of purchased.

Re•Direct: Greater Ithaca Activities Center, 318 N. Albany St.,
272-3622

- Items must be in good condition. Call first for guidelines.

Instant Relay Sports, 216-0056

- Pays cash or trade-in value for sporting goods or clothing

STUFFED ANIMALS

Re•Direct: Kat McCarthy, 280-8998

Linnett Short, 844-8075

- Cleans and repairs items and gives to children at holiday time.

STYROFOAM® PACKAGING



The stuff we love to hate! Those maddening little foam plastic peanuts that try to jump out of the box and distribute themselves all over your house actually can be reused. Considering that the peanuts, known in the retail world as loose-fill packaging, cost around \$1 per cubic foot to buy new, it makes sense to use them over for your own shipping needs. If you have no use for them, donate them to local mail services or retailers listed below for reuse.

Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Packaging Service*. Peanuts must be clean and dry.

Re•Direct: Donovan Lighting, 256-3640.
• Clean polystyrene foam pellets, in bags, bubble wrap, airbags + foam wrap.

Cornell University - Uris Library, 255-3829,
(George Cobb)
• Peanuts, bubblewrap. Will pick up.

Cornell University - South East Asia Program
(SEAP), 255-8038
• Styrofoam peanuts, bubblewrap, airbags
(packing material).

Tom Crawford, 387-5529.
• Would like styrofoam peanuts, call first, and he will pick up.

David Hall, 279-1182.
• Would like styrofoam peanuts, call first, and he will pick up.

The UPS Store, 256-0275.
• Clean peanuts only.

Pack and Mail, 520 Cooper, Endwell; 40 E. Market,
Corning.
• Clean peanuts only.

Alison Pritz, 257-7991.

- Clean peanuts only.

Serviente Glass Studio, 277-7770.

- Peanuts - unlimited amounts.

Antique Quest, 257-7827

- Clean peanuts, styrofoam flexible foam sheeting, popcorn peanuts, bubble wrap.

The Day Care + Child Development Council, 273-0259

- Clean styrofoam trays

Peanut Hotline (pipeline), (800) 828-2214, 53
Hammond St. Big Flats, NY

Kat McCarthy, 280-8998.

- Foamboard insulation.

SWING SETS

Re•Direct: Local resident collects and refurbishes old swingsets and other yard toys and donates them to families who can use them, 272-6848.

TARPS

Re•Direct: Ron Bergman Properties, 273-9315, leave a message.

- Tarps, old canvas, burlap bags or rolls, and large heavy clear or black plastic sheets - Used for balling up trees.

TELEVISION SETS



When a television set goes on the blink, it may need only a simple repair. Check with TV repair services before scrapping your set. Occasionally, a broken TV set can be used for parts. Some local dealers sell reconditioned TV sets for much less than the cost of a new one.

Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Television and Radio-Service and Repair*.

Re•Direct: American Red Cross, 273-1900
• Only accepts working televisions in good condition

Recycle: TCSWMD, 273-6632
• Accepts TVs at their electronics drop-off area

TIRES



Americans discard over 240,000,000 tires every year! Many of these could still be used if they were retreaded. Tires that are worn out can be turned into a variety of recycled products, including floor mats, waste containers, road surfacing material, and playground and track surfaces, as well as being burned for energy in specially-designed boilers. Keeping your tires properly inflated and rotating them on a regular basis will extend their life. A few local tire dealers will take tires back for either retreading or recycling. Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Tire Retreading and Repairing* to find out if your worn tires could be candidates for retreading.

Re•Direct: Tallmadge Tire, 358 Elmira Rd., 272-TIRE
• \$2.50 per tire. Also accepts used motor oil, transmission fluid (no charge) and auto batteries-\$5 core charge.

Willcox Tire and Service, 273-6310
• \$2.50 per tire. Larger type tires cost more.

Tompkins County RSWC, Commercial Ave., 273-6632
• \$2 per tire. Passenger and over-the-road tires only. No off-road or heavy equipment tires. Over 10 tires and tires with rims will be charged 5¢ per pound. Limit 25 tires.

Modern Recycling, 716-754-8226: large quantities

Integrated Tires, 716-847-8473: large quantities

TOILETRIES

Re•Direct: American Red Cross, 273-1900
• Accepts for homeless services.

TONER CARTRIDGES



Many copier toner cartridge manufacturers re-charge and recondition their cartridges and even provide a mailer for sending the empty cartridge back to be refilled. Some copier service companies provide cartridge refilling and refurbishing service.

Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Copying Machines and Supls.* or visit www.fingerlakesbuygreen.org more more information buying recycled cartridges.

Re•Direct: Seneca Laser Service, 387-3232.

- Accepts used laser printer and copier cartridges for remanufacturing and refilling. Also sells remanufactured cartridges. Will pick up and deliver.
- The TCSWMD has bags for you to send small toner cartridges to a company that restores and sells them. 273-6632

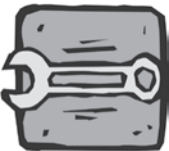
Recycle: Staples, 275-0240

TOOLS

Hand and garden tools often can be repaired.

Re•Direct: American Red Cross, 273-1900

- Not taken if broken



Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services, 277-4500.
Call first.

- Usable unbroken tools

Joe Cassaniti, 273-7985

- Accepts garden and hand tools of all kinds for refurbishing and repair. Tools will be donated to local community groups. Also accepts metal scrap and clean scrap lumber (pressure-treated is OK).

Significant Elements, 277-3450.

- Old hand tools, all tools for carpentry and deconstruction welcome. Please call first.

Recycle: Tompkins County RSWC, Commercial Ave., 273-5700

- Metal tools of all kinds. Remove non-metal parts, if possible.

Repair: Lew Ward, lew_ward@yahoo.com

- Sharpens knives, axes, carving tools

TOYS



Toys in good condition may be donated to worthy organizations, sold in yard and garage sales, second-hand stores, or to collectors, depending on the kind of toy and its condition.

Re•Direct: American Red Cross, 273-1900

- Must be clean and in good condition.

The Day Care + Child Development Council, 273-0259

- Accepts gently used toys.

Evan and Jon Jehu, 838-3540 or 589-4437

- Accepts used Lincoln Logs, Erector Sets, Tinker Toys, train sets, especially Lionel; also repairs model trains.

Greater Ithaca Activity Center, 272-3622

- Accepts all kinds of toys and games in good condition. Also working computers, radios, tape and CD players.

- Cops, Kids & Toys program

Comprised of law enforcement agencies within Tompkins County. Accepts new toys, or used toys in excellent condition all year round. Toys donated are delivered to needy children during winter holiday season. Contact the Ithaca Police Department @ 272-9973 and ask for Officer Michael Koval, Community Policing Unit.

- Accepts toys in good condition all year. Toys donated to community centers, daycare providers and needy children. Contact: Officer Micheal Koval

Mama Goose, 269-0600

- Credit for Children's toys & books in excellent condition. By appointment only.

Salvation Army, day-care centers, nursery schools

- Must be clean and in good condition.

Captain Matt's Treasure Trove, 844-9500

- Vintage Toys

TUBES

The Day Care + Child Development Council,
273-0259

- Accepts paper towels + tissue tubes for craft projects

Sciencenter Reinvention Station, 272-0600

UNICORNS • UKULELES • UMBRELLAS

See Zinc • Zippers, etc.

VACUUM CLEANERS

Re•Direct: Salvation Army, other worthy organizations, garage sales.

Repair: Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Vacuum Cleaners -Service and Repair* for local repair shops.

Recycle: TCRSWC, 122 Commercial Ave, 273-5700
• Metal parts only.

VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDERS (VCRs)

Re•Direct: Donate to worthy organizations or sell at garage sales or secondhand stores. When buying a new VCR, find out if the dealer will accept the old one as a trade-in for parts or resale.

Repair: Look in the *Yellow Pages* under *Video Recorders and Players-Svce. and Repair*.

WOOD

BRUSH

Brush piles can provide important winter shelter for small animals, such as rabbits, chipmunks, grouse, turkeys, and songbirds. Instead of hauling off your brush or putting it at the curb for collection, turn it into a gift for your backyard wildlife.

Recycle: Check with your municipality about brush and yard waste collection schedules.

TCRSWC, 122 Commercial Ave, 273-5700

CLEAN, UNTREATED WASTE WOOD

Re•Direct: Significant Elements, 277-3450.
• Scrap Lumber clean and untreated.

Lumber, pallets and other wood items, if free from preservatives or paint, may be given away for firewood or building projects.

See TOOLS listing for wood scrap outlet.

Museum of the Earth, 273-6623 ext. 33

• Various lengths of dowel.

X-RAY FILM AND EQUIPMENT

Recycle: Silverizon, Cortland, NY, 756-2654
• Accepts photo, x-ray, and lithographic film; aluminum press plates and other nonferrous metals.



Some x-ray film contains silver which is toxic/hazardous. Qualified businesses may be able to use the D.E.P.O.T. for disposal of films.

YARD WASTE

About 20% of the average household's waste is yard waste and of this, a significant portion is grass clippings. Leave grass clippings on your lawn instead of bagging them up and disposing of them



elsewhere. They will protect the lawn against moisture loss, provide a natural fertilizer and will save you money on disposal and fertilizer purchases. Contrary to popular opinion, grass clippings do not contribute to thatch. They decompose in a matter of days during the summer months.

Compost or collect? Most yard wastes, except for brush and other woody materials, may be successfully composted at home. Call the “Rotline” at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County at 272-2292 for information on starting and maintaining a compost pile or bin at home. Many local municipalities have regular or seasonal collection programs for brush, yard trimmings, grass and leaves. Call your municipality to find out if and when it collects yard waste.

Recycle: Limited amounts of yard waste may be brought to the Tompkins County RSWC during regular hours. Accepted materials include leaves, grass clippings and brush no larger than 6” in diameter. Limit: One pick-up truck load per trip.

YARN

The Day Care + Child Development Council, 273-0259
• Clean yarn for craft projects.

Museum of the Earth, 273-6623 ext. 33

Sciencenter Reinvention Station, 272-0600

Graceful Arts Fiber Studio, 546-8344

• Got extra yarn? Your generosity helps us turn it into hats and mittens for needy children in Schuyler County.

YOGURT CONTAINERS

Re•Direct: Sciencenter Reinvention Station, 272-0600.



Reuse yogurt containers for food storage.
Reuse for storing small items, such as buttons, screws or nails.

Donate to schools or child care centers.

Reuse as sandbox toys or for starting seedlings.

Recycle: TCRSWC, 122 Commercial Ave, 273-5700
• #5 tubs

ZINC • ZIPPERS • ZITHERS • ZIP-LOCK BAGS

Use your imagination! With a little effort and thought, you can **Re•Direct** or recycle almost anything!

MULTIPLE ITEMS

The following organizations or businesses will take multiple items for **Re•Direct** or recycle. You can contact them to find out exactly what items they will take.

Re•Direct: Sciencenter Reinvention Station, 272-0600.

Museum of the Earth, 273-6623 ext. 33

Captain Matt's Treasure Trove, 844-9500

Salvation Army, 272-5327

TCRSWC, 122 Commercial Ave, 273-5700

WASTE REDUCTION TIPS

Finding good homes for household items we no longer need or want can help in the battle to reduce waste and save resources. Since reuse and reducing waste are higher priorities in the solid waste management hierarchy, we give them special emphasis in this guide. There are several other ways to reduce waste in our homes, schools and places of work, using ordinary, common-sense methods that are available to almost everyone. If you haven't already put some of these waste reduction ideas to work for you, consider the following:

Be a waste-conscious shopper. Careful buying will not only save you money on the products themselves, but will save on disposal costs because you will be throwing out less packaging and fewer worn out products.

Buy durable products that are built to last and that can be repaired. Maintain products and fix them when possible.

Buy in bulk. Not all products are necessarily priced cheaper in larger sized packaging, but you will still have less packaging per product to throw away. Some bulk items include: pet foods, laundry soap, and cereals. Concentrates will also save money and packaging waste.

Avoid unnecessary packaging. Too often products come in double packaging, such as cosmetics and beauty aids. Look for items that are wrapped only once.

Avoid disposable products. There are now so many disposable products in our consumer culture that the list is nearly endless. Much waste can be avoided by switching to cloth napkins, towels and diapers, washable plates and other tableware for picnics, rechargeable batteries, refillable razors, lighters, pens and pencils. Use a reusable coffee filter in your coffee maker. Carry a reusable, insulated travel mug in your car for hot or cold beverages. Think of all the plastic and paper cups you will eliminate.

Bring your own mug to the office and grocery bag to the store. Paper and plastic grocery bags can be used over again for your own groceries-better yet, invest in reusable cloth bags for your shopping needs and keep a few in your car. Also reuse plastic produce bags when you shop.

Buy recyclable and recycled products. Choose packaging made of glass, paper, metal and whatever plastic containers are recyclable in your local program and be sure to recycle the packaging when you are finished with it. Also, buying products in recycled packaging helps to insure that there will be secure outlets for the recyclable materials collected in local recycling programs.



Look for the characteristic recycling arrows that indicate that the package is made of recycled material. Manufacturers of steel, aluminum and glass containers have used recycled content in their products for decades.

Donate. Use this *Re•Directory* as an information source on outlets for goods you no longer want or need. You may also use this guide to find products for sale at bargain prices. Shopping for reusables supports the local economy and keeps useful products in service longer.

HOLIDAY IDEAS



Think of all the waste left after the holidays. More waste—especially food, packaging and gift wrap—is generated during the holidays than at any other time of the year. Here are some waste-reducing suggestions for a greener, less materialistic holiday that will benefit your wallet, as well as the environment.

Save wrapping paper, ribbons, and decorations from this year's holidays for reuse on next year's gifts. Old road maps, funny papers, reusable tins, baskets and boxes, handkerchiefs, dish towels, scarves and the like are great for wrapping and holding gifts. Colorful fabric can be used for years to wrap gifts—suggest that the recipients use it again for their gift wrapping. Save mailing boxes and padded mailers, bubble wrap, and Styrofoam® peanuts for sending out your packages next holiday season.

Buy a live evergreen tree and plant it outdoors after the holiday is over. Remember to dig the hole before the ground freezes.

Reuse old holiday cards as gift tags or to make post cards for your own greetings.

Make edible gifts, such as breads, cookies, preserves, dried fruits, nut mixes, herbed vinegars and the like; package them in reusable tins, baskets, jars, decorative bags or boxes.

Handmade gifts mean a lot. Sew, knit, crochet, woodwork, stencil, paint, embroider, compose, write, video or audio tape a personal gift for your family and friends.

Give nonmaterial services, such as babysitting, dog walking, house sitting, plant watering, house cleaning, car washing or diaper service; movie, theater, or concert tickets; piano or danc-

ing lessons; massages. Make a donation in a friend's name to a favorite charity.

Give family heirlooms or special treasures to family and friends. Keep family traditions alive by passing on those things that are associated with people you love. Be sure to include the story of the item—who owned it and how it was used.

Buy gifts that save energy and resources, such as compact fluorescent bulbs, low-flow shower heads, cloth shopping bags, recycled or tree-free (hemp or kenaf) stationery and note pads, rechargeable batteries and rechargers, natural body and home care products, beeswax candles, unbleached/organic cotton clothing.

SOME MORE PLACES TO CHECK OUT

www.freerecycling.org or info@freecycle.org

www.fingerlakesbuygreen.org

- buy green and close the loop.

For more information and waste reduction tips, visit:

www.recycletopkins.org



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