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**Fall “Recycling Day” for Penfield Residents October 4**

*One-day recycling and secure document destruction at DPW Complex ~*

PENFIELD, N.Y., SEPTEMBER 10, 2014 – The Town of Penfield will host a one-day recycling event on Saturday, October 4, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at its Public Works Complex, 1607 Jackson Road. Penfield residents may recycle metals, destroy confidential documents, dispose of residential brush, and donate clothing, purses, linens, blankets, towels, and drapery.

Partners for the event are Eco-Green Park certified document destruction (www.eco-greenpark.com), Alpco metals recycling (see www.alpcorecycling.com/metals-recycling.html#ferrous for metals that will be accepted), and the St. Pauly Textile Shed. The DPW will also accept brush (no grass) on-site.

Recycling day replaces the former “Fall Drop-off” of unwanted household items. In recent years the town ended the twice yearly drop-off and landfilling of unwanted items and began providing residents with more sustainability-focused services aimed at recycling and “upcycling.” Most private trash haulers collect many materials that were traditionally brought to Fall Drop-off. The town will host its traditional Spring Drop-off in 2015, when tires, furniture and other household debris will be accepted.

“This will be the second year the town has not held a traditional Fall Drop-off event,” said Supervisor Tony LaFountain. “As the town board continues to look for ways to cut costs and reduce spending, driving down landfill expenses is one of our goals. Before you send unwanted items to the curb or landfill, please consider the following outlets to recycle or upcycle materials. Ecopark (www2.monroecounty.gov/ecopark); Greenovation (www.rochestergreen.org); Habitat for Humanity Restore (www.rochesterhabitat.org/restore); Rehouse Architectural Salvage (www.rehouseny.com). At many of these locations you are able to obtain a receipt for donated goods that can be deducted from your taxes. Let’s all do our part to help reduce costs.”
Recycling Day runs concurrent with the Town of Penfield and Penfield Rotary bicycle collection event for R Community Bikes at the Community Center on Baird Road. Residents with recycling and shredding who also wish to donate bicycles may leave bikes at the public works complex; the town will direct donations to R Community Bikes.

Recycling Day is for Penfield residents only. Proof of residency will be checked at the gate. Please direct questions to the Department Public Works, 340-8710, Monday-Thursday 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

NOTE: Electronics will not be collected at this October 4 event. Instead, the Penfield-Perinton Kiwanis Club will host a separate electronics recycling event at the DPW complex to benefit Golisano Children’s Hospital one week before on Saturday, September 27, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Kiwanis will accept appliances, PCs and peripherals, copiers, telephones, and more. They will NOT accept air conditioners and other Freon containing appliances, ballasts, batteries, and light bulbs. See www.ewastesystems.com to learn more.

More on Ecopark

Monroe County’s year-round Ecopark facility is located at 10 Avion Drive near the airport. Ecopark is a joint effort between Monroe County and Waste Management that provides county residents with a “one-stop drop-off” to dispose of or recycle many items including hard Styrofoam packing material (not foam trays used for meat or produce), cooking oil/grease, fluorescent lights, clothing, sneakers, sharps and syringes, and more. Ecopark offers regular collections Wednesday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. all for NO FEE. Ecopark also offers many special collection days for household hazardous waste and pharmaceutical and medication disposal. For more information and details, log on to www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark.

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