

How to Dispose of Items Not Accepted at the Recycling Center

Household Hazardous Waste – GLOW Solid Waste hosts yearly collections in alternating counties (Genesee, Livingston & Wyoming) in mid-September, Residents must make an appointment, Materials accepted include, oil base paint, chemicals, electronics, pharmaceuticals, vehicle batteries & propane tanks. There is no charge, except for tires (price depends on contract award).

Latex Paint – Once in a hardened form can be placed in the trash. To dry out either remove the top or mix in cat litter or floor dry.

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs) – Accepted at GLOW's hazardous waste collections. Also accepted at Home Depot and Lowe's stores.

Sharps, Needles & Syringes – State law requires hospitals & nursing homes to accept for disposal. Contact the GLOW office for a brochure listing locations and when, where & how they are accepted at each facility.

Appliances with Refrigerants – Must be “degassed” by a contractor that has a certified machine. Heating, air conditioning, & refrigeration companies, and some appliance dealers & scrap dealers have this machine. There is an associated charge.

Smoke Detectors – Mail back to the manufacturer. Often the address is imprinted on the underside of the unit.

Rechargeable Batteries (Ni-Cd, Metal hydrides, lithium ion, small sealed lead) (under 2 lbs.) – These batteries are recycled by the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation. They are accepted by many retailers that sell products that use them. Log on to www.rbr.com or call 800-8-BATTERY for a list of locations in your area. In addition, State law now requires retailers that sell them to take them back for recycling.

Household Batteries (Alkaline and Carbon Zinc) – Some hardware stores and retailers in the region (Lowe's and others) now accept them for recycling. They can also be placed in the regular trash. They no longer contain mercury.

Ink Jet Cartridges – There are a number of companies that collect the cartridges, often along with laser cartridges and cell phones, and pay nonprofit organizations and schools for them. They provide containers (boxes and envelopes) and pay for shipping. Locally the Caledonia Library at 3108 Main Street accepts them (call 538-4512 for hours). For additional information contact the GLOW office or log on to www.inkjetsites.com/inkjetrecycling/.

Cell Phones – Local domestic violence agencies collect phones for their clients to use in emergencies. Contact the GLOW office for local organizations. They are also collected by nonprofit agencies that use the collections as a fundraising tool. Contact the GLOW office for contacts. Under the NYS Wireless Recycling Act of 2007 all wireless telephone service providers must accept cell phones for reuse or recycling.

Computer Security – To ensure that your data isn't stolen from the hard drive when getting rid of a computer, the disc should be overwritten. Do this by obtaining a program that will make the disc unreadable. Inspector e-maxx (www.pcinspector.de/emaxx/uk/welcome.html) meets U.S. military standards. It says no data can be recovered after it is used. It is FREE. Another highly rated program for Windows is Eraser, which is also free. Go to www.heidi.ie/eraser. For Macs, use SuperScrubber (\$30 at www.jiva.com). For businesses GLOW publishes a brochure that lists local companies that provide recycle electronics. For a copy contact GLOW at 585-344-2580 ext. 5463, 800-836-1154 or glow@co.genesee.ny.us.

For more information and/or disposal questions contact the GLOW office at 800-836-1154 or 585-344-2580 ext. 5463 or glow@co.genesee.ny.us