

A Local Law Concerning
the Abandonment of Solid Waste in the Town of Halcott.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Halcott as follows:

I. **Purpose.** The purpose of this local law is to:

- A. Protect the roads and recyclable center of the Town of Halcott from abandoned garbage .
- B. Ensure compliance with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation law.
- C. Protect the health and welfare of the Town of Halcott.

II. **Authority.** This local law shall be referred to as the Halcott Solid Waste Disposal Law of 2012 and covers the procedures for proper disposal of solid waste and recyclables in the Town of Halcott .

III. **Policies:**

- A. No solid waste shall be deposited on public roads or at Town buildings within the Town of Halcott without prior application for a permit from the Town Board.
- B. Only those recyclable items listed in Schedule A of this law shall be deposited at the collection center located at the Town of Halcott Highway Garage. All other solid waste, as detailed in Schedule B, may be deposited at the Greene County Transfer Stations listed therein.
- C. All recyclables shall be contained as stated in the aforementioned schedule and shall be separated as stated.

IV. **Violation and Penalties:**

- A. A violation of this Local Law shall be committed whenever a person:
 - a) Discards or disposes of any material whatsoever including bags of garbage along the roadways of the Town of Halcott;
 - b) Deposits or discards any material not listed on the attached Schedule A, at the Town of Halcott recyclable center, or any Town building.
- B. **Procedures:**
 - a. A certificate or affidavit, sworn to or affirmed by the Highway Superintendent, a member of the Highway Department, or the Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Halcott, setting forth the facts of such violation shall constitute prima facie evidence of the facts stated therein.
 - b. A law enforcement officer, the Highway Superintendent or the Code Enforcement Officer shall issue a notice of liability, which shall be sent by certified mail to the person(s) alleged to be liable and in violation of this Local Law. Personal delivery shall not be required, but is not excluded.
 - c. The notice of liability shall contain the name and address of the person(s) alleged, the location where such violation took place, date and time (if known) of such violation and the facts constituting the violation.

d. The notice of liability shall advise the person(s) charged, of the date he/she is to appear before the Town of Halcott Justice who shall have jurisdiction to adjudicate the liability imposed under this Local Law.

e. All fines and penalties collected shall be payable to the Town of Halcott and deposited in the General Fund.

Section 7: **Penalties.** In addition to any fines levied by the Department of Conservation of New York State, any person convicted of a violation of this local law shall be deemed to have committed a violation and shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$1500 for a first violation, not exceeding \$2500 for a second violation and not exceeding \$3000 for each subsequent violation.

In addition to the above, any fees incurred by the Town of Halcott for proper clean up and disposal of the refuse will be added to the fine levied.

Section 8: **Separability** The invalidity of any provision of this regulation shall neither affect the validity of any other provision hereof, nor the validity of the regulation as a whole.

Section 9: **Effective Date:** This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

BE IT ENACTED this 26th day of November, 2012 by the Town Board of the Town of Halcott, Greene County, New York.

Innes Kasanof _____ Aye/Nay

Alan Reynolds _____ Aye/Nay

Yukari Day _____ Aye/Nay

Chris Dibenedetto _____ Aye/Nay

Alan White _____ Aye/Nay

ATTEST:

Elena DiBenedetto
Town Clerk

SCHEDULE A

Only the following recyclables may be deposited at the Recycling Center of the Town of Halcott Highway Department:

1. **Newspapers & Telephone Books** – Newspapers are to be tied with cotton twine only, or put into brown paper bags.
2. **Magazines & Junk Mail** – Placed in cardboard to be recycled (see #4) or in brown paper bags.
3. **Cans** – Do not need to remove labels or flatten cans.
4. **Corrugated Cardboard** – Must be flattened and bound. Maximum size 3' X 3'. No wax-treated cardboard. Commercial residents should use the Catskill or Hunter Transfer Stations.
5. **Pressed cardboard** – Such as cereal and tissue boxes are now accepted at all transfer stations.
6. **Deposit Containers** – Such as soda cans and water bottles are now accepted at all transfer stations for donation to local non-profit organizations.
7. **Glass Bottles & Jars** – Must be clean with caps and plastic or metal neck-bands removed. Labels may be left on.
8. **Plastic Bottles (soft)** – Such as milk, juice, soda, syrup, detergent, bleach, shampoo, etc. Must be clean with caps and plastic neck-bands removed. Crush when possible. All bottles must have a triangular recycling symbol with a 1, 2, 3 or 5 stamped on the bottom.

SCHEDULE B

Greene County Transfer Stations and information on What Can be Recycled

Catskill – Route 385, Catskill

Open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri and Sat 7:30am to 3:30pm
Closed Wednesday and Sunday

Coxsackie – Plank Rd, Coxsackie (across from the Greene County Correctional Facility)

Open Mon – Sat 7:30am to 3:30pm
Closed Sunday

Hunter – Hylan Rd, Hunter

Open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri and Sat 7:30am to 3:30pm
Sun 8:00am to 3:30pm
Closed Wednesday

Windham – County Route 21, Windham (Mitchell Hollow Rd)

Open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri and Sat 7:30am to 3:30pm
Sun 8:00am to 3:30pm
Closed Wednesday

Residential Drop-Off – Route 385, Catskill

Convenient drop-off for bagged waste
& recyclables.

Recycling Centers

Newspaper drop-off containers and/or waste oil recycling centers are available in a number of communities throughout the county including; Athens, Cairo, Catskill, Coxsackie, Durham, Earlton, Greenville, Hunter, New Baltimore, Prattsville, South Cairo & Windham. Call 518-943-4600 for more information.

Sharps Disposal Program

The safe disposal of used sharps is an important health & safety issue. Sharps disposal kiosks are located at the following locations: EmUrgent Care – Coxsackie, Greene County Office Bld – Catskill, Windham Pharmacy – Windham & CVS – Cairo.

How and What to Recycle

20 lb. Propane Cylinders – Accepted at all transfer stations for a fee.

Newspapers & Telephone Books – Newspapers are to be tied with cotton twine only, or put into brown paper bags.

Cans – Do not need to remove labels or flatten cans.

Corrugated Cardboard – Must be flattened and bound. Maximum size 3' X 3'. No wax-treated cardboard. Commercial residents should use the Catskill or Hunter Transfer Stations.

Pressed cardboard – Such as cereal and tissue boxes are now accepted at all transfer stations.

Deposit Containers – Such as soda cans and water bottles are now accepted at all transfer stations for donation to local non-profit organizations.

Glass Bottles & Jars – Must be clean with caps and plastic or metal neck-bands removed. Labels may be left on.

Scrap Metal – Accepted if less than 3' in length.

Appliances – Such as washing machines, dishwashers, etc. are accepted at all transfer stations for a fee.

Plastic Bottles (soft) – Such as milk, juice, soda, syrup, detergent, bleach, shampoo, etc. Must be clean with caps and plastic neck-bands removed. Crush when possible. All bottles must have a triangular recycling symbol with a 1, 2, 3 or 5 stamped on the bottom.

Car Batteries & Tires – Batteries are accepted at all transfer stations. Tires are accepted for a fee.

Electronics – Such as personal computers, televisions, printers, fax machines, cell phones, radios, VCR's, etc.

Waste Oil – Used oil from cars, trucks or other engines is accepted at oil recycling centers. Collect oil in a clean container. DO NOT mix oil with any other liquid. **ATTENTION!** Do not put waste oil into the garbage, landfill or pour onto the ground. It will seep into the ground contaminating drinking water and harming the environment.

Other Paper – Such as magazines, catalogs and other glossy papers should be tied with twine. Office paper, envelopes, computer paper and junk mail should be put into brown paper bags.

Textiles – Such as clothes, must be clean, dry and in reasonably good condition are accepted at all transfer stations.

What Not to Bring

Hard Plastics – Such as styrofoam, cottage cheese or yogurt containers, **Food Scraps & Yard Waste** – Such as compost matter, leaves or branches from your yard, **Contaminated Plastics** – Such as those used to transport waste oil,

Glass Products – Such as clay pots and light bulbs, **Other Paper** – Such as carbon paper or blueprints.