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**ONTARIO COUNTY LAUNCHES NEW TOOL TO HELP COUNTY RESIDENTS AND
BUSINESSES MANAGE THEIR WASTE AND RECYCLING**

July 28, 2025, Canandaigua, NY: The Ontario County Department of Sustainability & Solid Waste Management (DSSWM) is launching a new app for Amazon Alexa devices to help make recycling at home and on the go easier. Ontario County residents have been separating recyclables from waste for over 25 years. Every County resident should have a clear, simple way to recycle, whether you set out a bin at the curb or drop off recyclables at your local transfer station. Most recyclable materials go to the Ontario County Materials Recovery Facility to be sorted, baled, and sent to processors to be turned into new materials. The DSSWM developed this app in alignment with the County's commitment to reduce waste, clean up the recycling stream, and provide information about safe disposal of hard to recycle materials.

We've all stood at the recycling bin with an item in our hand and wondered, what do I do with this? Now it's easier than ever to find answers to even the toughest recycling and waste disposal questions using the Alexa app. The Ontario County Recycles skill can be enabled on Amazon smart devices or by downloading the Alexa app on a smartphone. Once enabled, ask, "Alexa, open Ontario County Recycles." You can then ask what can be recycled and how to dispose of over 275 items. For example, "Alexa, what do I do with paint?" or "Alexa, can I recycle a tire?" You can also ask about upcoming County special collection events, "Alexa, when is the Electronic Waste Recycling Event?"

"We are excited to launch the new Ontario County Recycles skill for the Alexa app," said Carla Jordan, Director of the Ontario County DSSWM. Jordan continued, "We understand that our residents want to do the right thing, and sometimes can feel overwhelmed when trying to decide if something can be recycled or how to safely dispose of things like batteries or paint. It's now easier than ever to find up-to-date the answers to those questions utilizing technology many of us already have in our homes or in our pockets."

This is just one of the many ongoing waste diversion efforts in Ontario County. The Department of Sustainability & Solid Waste Management provides information and resources to support residents, businesses, and municipalities in their recycling and waste reduction efforts throughout the year.

For more information visit ontariocountyrecycles.org .

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