



## MADISON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE



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### MADISON COUNTY DEPT. OF SOLID WASTE OFFERS FREE YARD WASTE PUNCH CARDS FOR ITS RESIDENTS

Madison County Solid Waste Transfer Stations provide a convenience station service to the citizens which includes managing the community's residential yard waste. This program had historically been a "free" program to County residents, but upon review of the costs associated with operating the transfer stations and the growing costs for yard waste management, the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee established a new fee for residential yard waste that went into effect on July 15, 2024.

In an effort to ease some of the additional costs to residents, **the MCDSW has provided each residential household with one "free" residential yard waste punch card which will be valid for two small car visits OR one pickup truck/small trailer load for 2025.**

The towns and City of Oneida will receive these yard waste punch cards and will be responsible for dispersing them to their residential households as they see fit.

The "free" yard waste card system is similar to our current "Punch Card" system for waste at the transfer stations, but will have their own color and state 2025 Solid Waste Yard Card. The punch card will be valid for 2 – small car loads OR 1 – pickup truck/small trailer load of brush or yard waste. Any large trucks or large/modified trailers would be required to pay (or use a standard punch card as the system is now designed) and will not be eligible for the "Free" drop-off program. Basically, that means no big stake-rack trucks or large 10,000 lb landscape trailers. The "free" yard waste punch card system is designed to meet the needs of County and Town residents and is not designed to subsidize commercial landscape and tree service businesses.

As the holiday season approaches, we also recognize many residents may have real trees that will need to be disposed of in the new year. The Department of Solid Waste will offer FREE holiday tree drop off from January 2<sup>nd</sup> to February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the four transfer stations, when they are open. A punch card will not be required for real trees and residents will not need to use their yard waste card during this time.

Thank you for understanding as our program continues to evolve to meet staffing and cost demands while also providing the same exceptional service to our residents.

Have a happy holiday season,

Gregory Gelewski  
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