



# New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse & Recycling Inc.

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## GLOW Collects Over 15 Tons of HHW at Annual Event

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On Sept. 19, 2015 GLOW held its annual household hazardous waste collection. GLOW, which serves Genesee, Livingston and Wyoming Counties, began doing these collections in 1996 and has done them yearly, with one year off for a farm pesticide collection, since that time.

Over the years, the menu of materials has expanded from the basic list of household chemicals, paint, driveway sealer, vehicle batteries, tires, etc. to propane

tanks and canisters, electronics and pharmaceuticals.

Over the years, the number of residents served at a single collection has also increased from a maximum of 150 to 300, to its current of over 500 (with a maximum of 600 possible).

In 2015 GLOW continued its use of the appointment system, scheduling up to 30 residents for each 15 minute interval. The September collection was held near Warsaw, in Wyoming County, and re-

sulted in 535 residents disposing of 30,203 lbs. of hazardous waste, 58,239 lbs. of electronics, 336 tires, 325 propane canisters, 58 propane tanks and 120 lbs. of pharmaceuticals. Total expenses were \$27,851, of which \$26,111 (\$13,055 GLOW's share) is expected to be covered by a DEC Household Hazardous Waste Grant.

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## Committee Passes Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement

In mid-2015 the GLOW Region Solid Waste Management Committee passed and sent to its funding counties for approval, its Fourteenth Amended and Restated Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement (IMA). By the end of August all three counties had approved and signed the agreement. The agreement governs GLOW's operation.

The organization, started in October of 1987, was funded by Genesee, Livingston, Orleans and Wyoming (hence the

"GLOW") counties. Orleans County left at the end of 2003.

The GLOW Committee is comprised of county planners and legislators that meet every other month. The Genesee County Treasurer is GLOW's Fiscal Officer. GLOW's finances are handled by Genesee County under direction of the Committee. Funding is from county contributions that total \$72,000 per year and are based on population, and grants received through DEC's Municipal Waste Reduc-

tion and Recycling (MWR&R) grant and Household Hazardous Waste grant programs.

The new two year agreement runs from January 1, 2016 until December 31, 2017. At the conclusion of this agreement GLOW will mark 30 years of providing waste reduction, recycling, reuse, composting and hazardous waste programs and education to all sectors of the three (3) counties.