



# OCRRA Update

For the Environmental  
Protection Committee

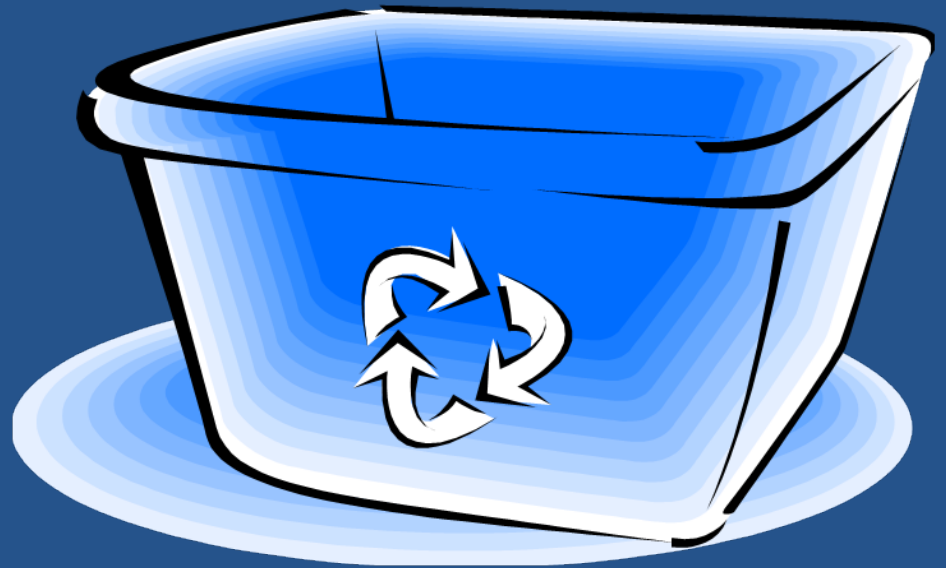
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# Agenda

1. Recycling
2. Bottle Bill
3. Earth Day



# Recycle This!



## PAPER

- Cardboard (please flatten)
- Newspapers & Inserts
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Junk Mail & Envelopes
- Office & School Papers
- Cereal, Pasta & Other Food Boxes
- Pizza Boxes

## CONTAINERS

- Bottles, Jars & Cans
- Milk & Juice Cartons
- Foils



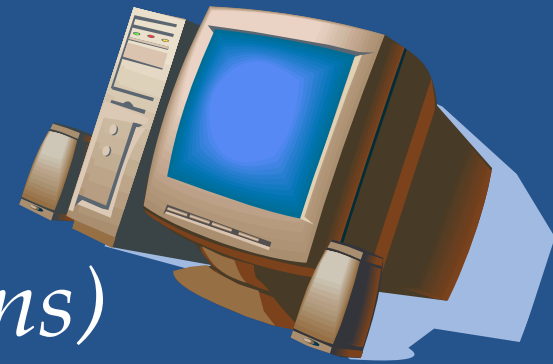
Visit [www.OCRRRA.org](http://www.OCRRRA.org) for a complete list of recyclable items.

Need another Blue Bin?  
Call 453-2866.

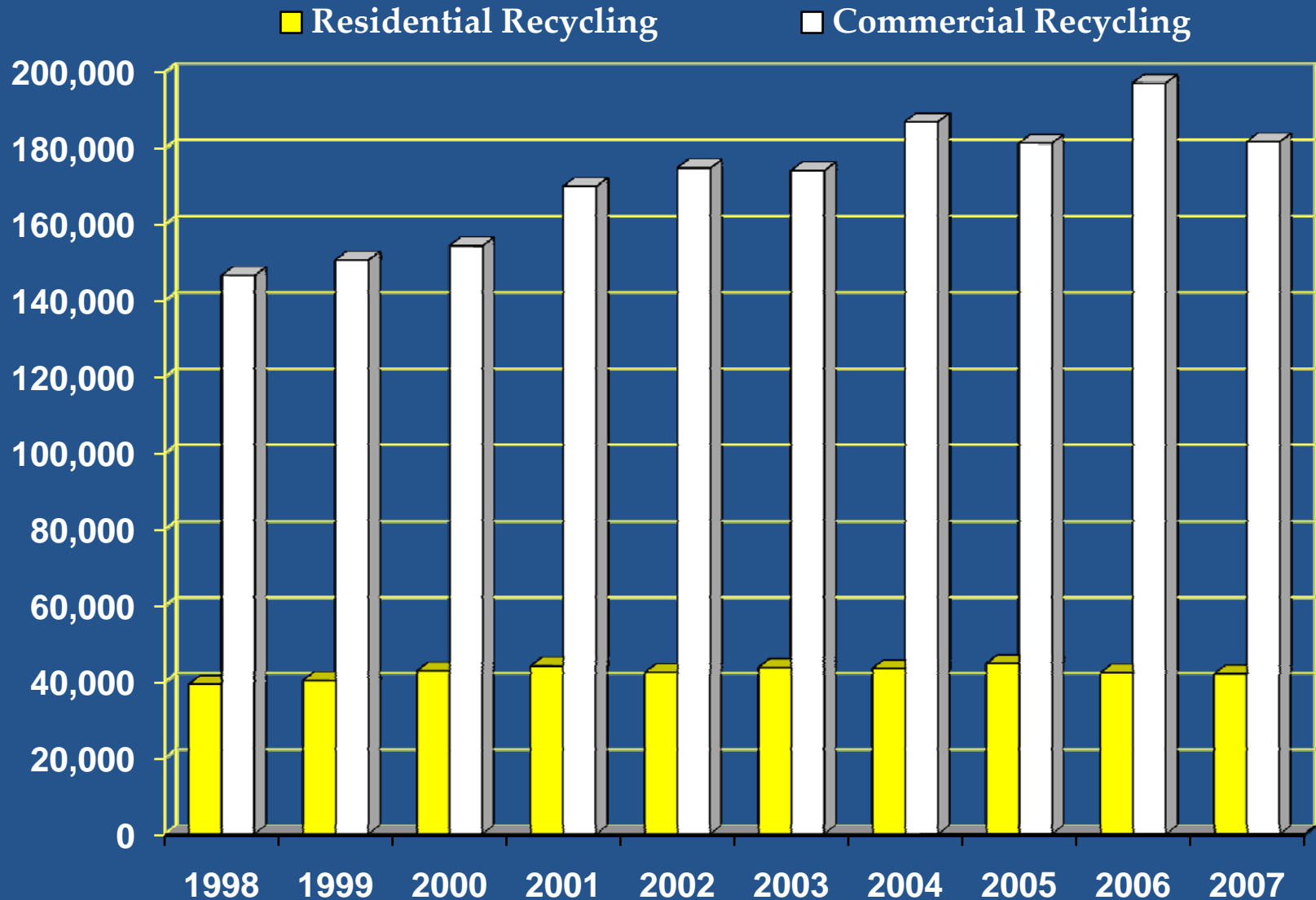


# Non-Blue Bin Items

- Yard Waste (*Compost Sites*)
- Scrap Metal (*Transfer Stations*)
- Batteries, books, phones, household electronics, fluorescent bulbs (C3)

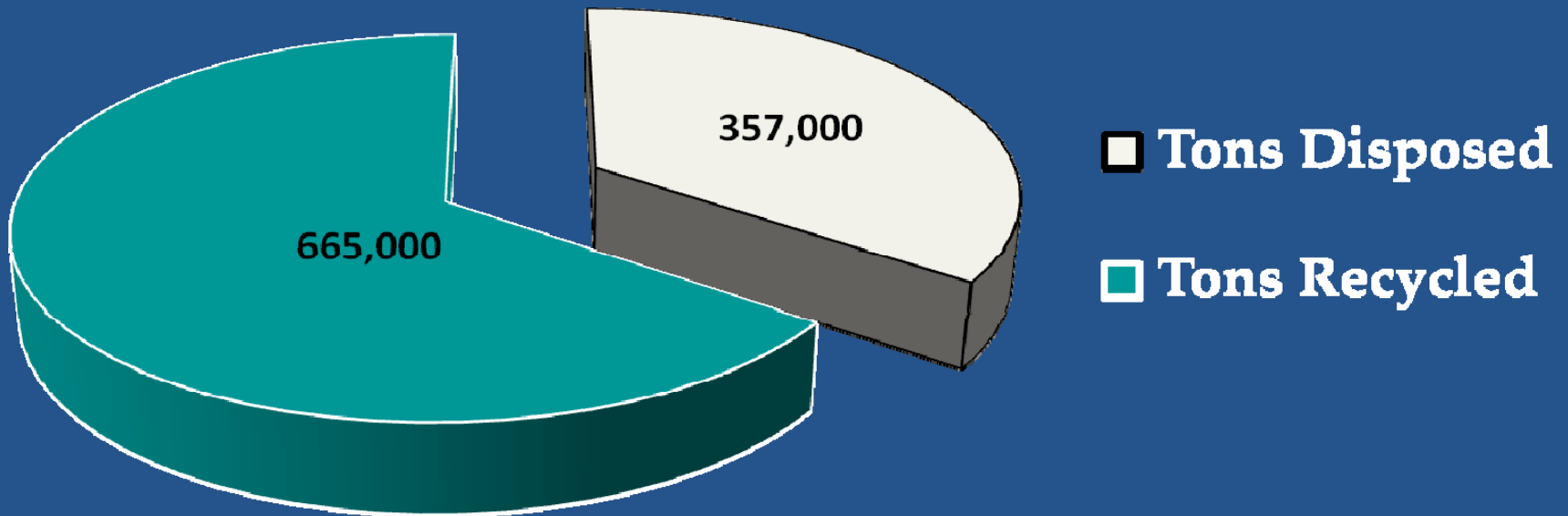


# Tons of Mandatory Recyclables: 1998-2007





# Trash vs. Recycling, 2007





# Recycling Rate

Thanks to you,  
**65%** of the county's  
waste stream was  
recycled in 2007!





# Focus on Paper: School Recycling

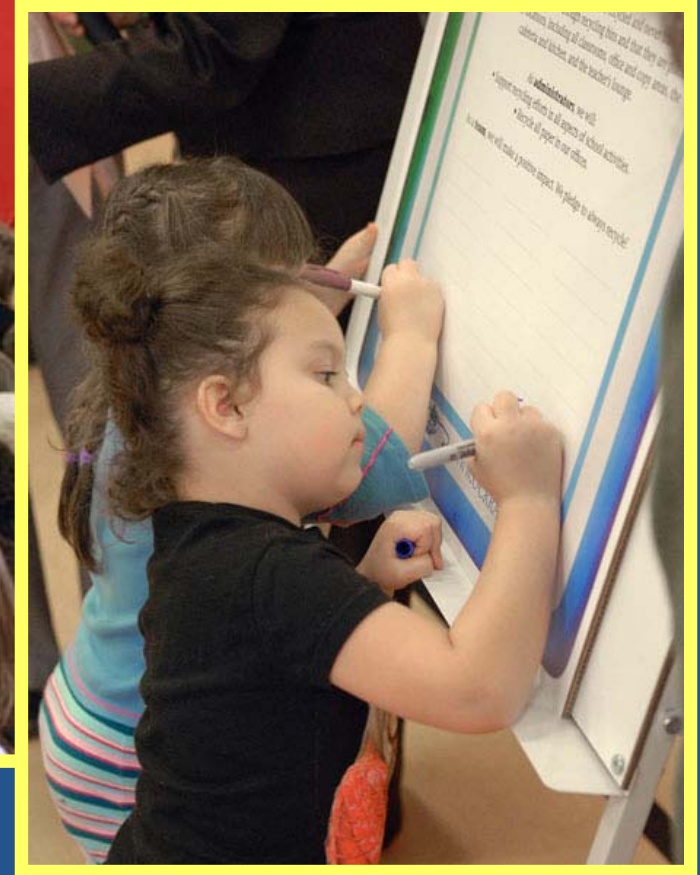
## GOAL:

Install a School Recycling Pledge  
in every school in the County by 2010.

## PROGRESS:

1/3 of the way there!





# Van Buren Elementary Assembly and School Pledge Signing



# Walberta Elementary Assembly



# Food Waste

## Amboy Compost Project

### VISION:

By 2015, OCRRA will compost 18,000 tons, per year, of institutional / commercial food waste as a revenue generator to provide resources for other recycling programs.





# Materials Needed

Food Waste



Bulking Agent (*yard waste*)





# Aerated Static Pile System





# Bottle Bill





# Bigger Better Bottle Bill



- 1982 to Now
- 80% vs. 16% recycling rate
- Deposit = Motivation
- Contact state legislators via [www.OCRRA.org](http://www.OCRRA.org)





# Earth Day







# Earth Day Litter Clean-Up

- 2-Day Event – April 24 and 25
- 9,000 participants; 117,640 lbs.
- Business Push
- Early Registration Deadline  
**March 27, 2009** (*Prizes*)



**County Executive's Office  
and Department of Personnel**



**North Syracuse Cub Scout Pack 316**



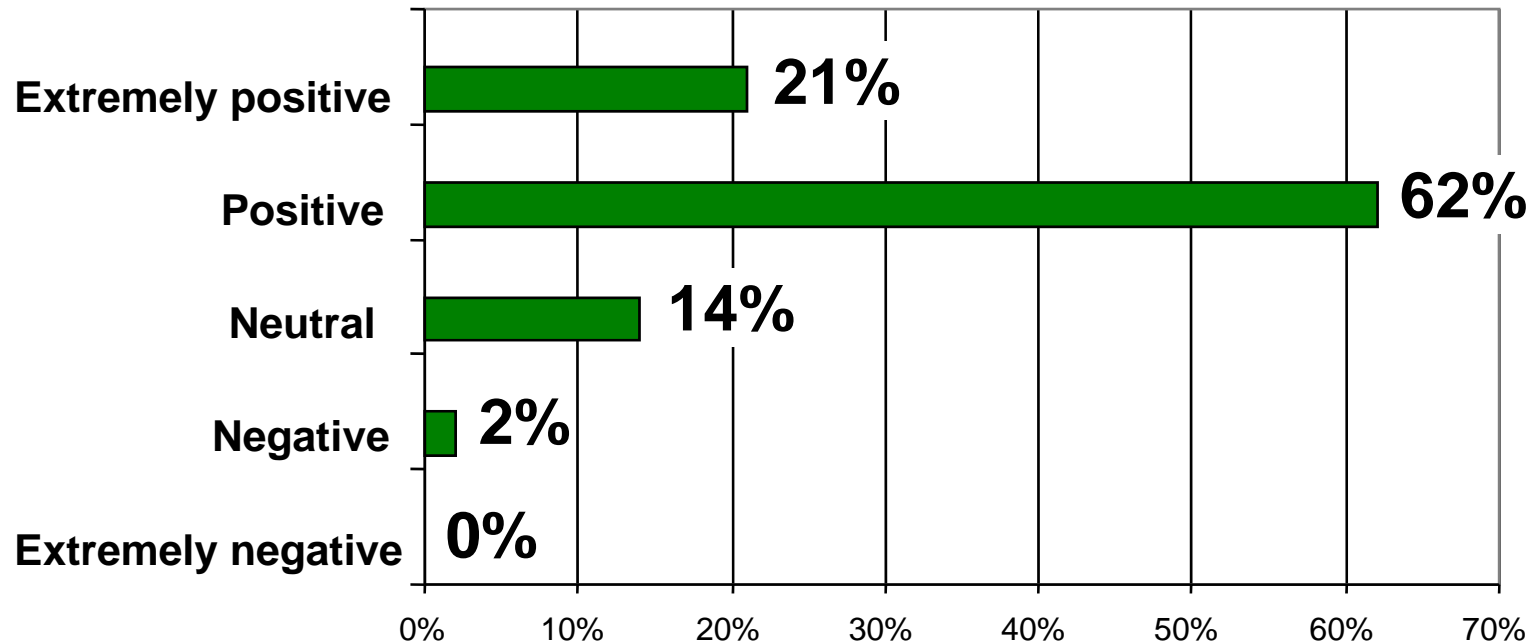
# More Info

- Pick up the quarterly OCRRA **newsletter**
- Join our bi-monthly **email**
- Visit **[www.OCRRA.org](http://www.OCRRA.org)**



# Survey Snippet

## Perception of OCRRA's reputation?





# Summary

- **Recycling:**  
Great job Onondaga County!
- **Bottle Bill:**  
Thank you for your resolution support.
- **Earth Day:**  
Please join us on April 24 or April 25.



# Questions...

## Thank you!

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