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Media Alert

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Town of Peru to Kickstart Food Waste Reduction Program

What: The Town of Peru is excited to announce the grand opening of Clinton County’s third municipal-level food waste collection program. This program, established in collaboration with the Clinton County Health Department’s Eat Smart, Waste Less program and Casella Waste Systems, will provide residents with a community food scrap collection location. The Town of Peru and other nearby residents will be able to register for this program at the town office and have access to the community food scrap collection bin. This bin will be located at 10 Cross Street, at the Peru Water Department. The food scraps collected at the site will be processed at Casella’s organics recycling facility based in Schuyler Falls, NY. The three-month pilot program is being made available by Casella at no cost to the Town of Peru or residents.

Who: Craig Randall, Town Supervisor, Town of Peru

Shawn McLean, Division Manager, Casella Waste Systems

Kristy Cymbrak, Territory Sales Representative, Casella Waste Systems

Abigail Bruzas, Sustainability Analyst, Casella Waste Systems

Cody Douglas, Senior Public Health Educator, Clinton County Health Department

Why: This event is free to attend. We invite families, community members, and local organizations to join us in celebrating this landmark program in the Town of Peru to repurpose food waste in Clinton County. Attendees will have an opportunity to view the first smart-access food scrap collection bin in Clinton County. Food scrap recycling resources will also be available. A door prize raffle will be available with additional food waste reduction resources.

When: Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 11:00 am.

Where: 10 Cross Street, Peru, NY 12972 – Peru Water Department.

Media Contact: Molly Flynn, Principal Public Health Educator, Molly.Flynn@clintoncountyny.gov.

About the Clinton County Health Department:

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