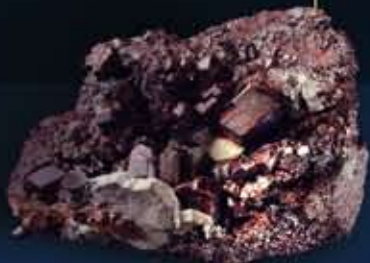


GARNET is New York State's official gem, and is used for sandpaper, for polishing glass and metal, and for water filtration. One of the largest garnet mines in the world is located in the Adirondacks.



GARNET

CALCITE is used in paint, paper, plastics and rubber, and is one of the primary ingredients in the manufacture of portland cement.



CALCITE

GYPSUM, once mined in western New York, is used in wallboard, plaster and other similar construction materials. Gypsum is also widely used to improve soils in agricultural and horticultural applications.



GYPSUM

SPHALERITE is mined in the northwestern Adirondack region for zinc ore. Zinc is used to make tires and galvanized steel and is found in nails, door knobs, fireworks, sun screen and medicines.



SPHALERITE

HALITE (salt) is mined primarily in central and western New York. Common uses include table salt, as a road de-icer, and chemical and food manufacturing. New York ranks third among the states in salt production.



HALITE

TALC is a soft mineral and is the "talcum" in baby powder. Mined in the northwest Adirondacks, it is used as a filler in paper and ceramics.



TALC

HERKIMER DIAMONDS are exceptionally clear and well-developed quartz crystals that make the Mohawk Valley famous among mineral and rock collectors. Quartz is used in glass, clocks, watches, insulation, televisions, radios and computers.



HERKIMER DIAMONDS

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