



## July 2021 Newsletter

Catch us at the local farmers market promoting composting, and collecting difficult-to-recycle waste to send to TerraCycle. Learn where to send plastic planter bins so they can be reused by local garden centers. Finally, read up on creative ways to share (and borrow) in Salem and the greater North Shore.

### Tabling the Farmers Market

Have questions about composting or recycling? Have you been collecting TerraCycle items to give to us at the next popup? We'll be tabling this Thursday, July 15th at the [Salem Farmers Market](#) 3-7pm. The farmers market takes place at Bentley Academy. If you're bringing items for the TerraCycle collection, please review what we collect below.



### TerraCycle Collections

We are working on having permanent locations for folks to drop the following products, to divert difficult to recycle items from our waste streams. Start saving these items now that you would normally throw in the trash in advance of our permanent drop location:

- **Swiffers:** save all used, dried Swiffer pads.
- **Razors:** save all brands of reusable and disposable razors, blades, & cartridges, as well as any flexible or rigid plastic packaging they come in.
- **Dental care:** Toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, mouthwash bottles, and floss containers. Save all brands, plus toothbrush packaging.
- **Deodorant:** All brands of deodorant containers and caps.
- **Writing Instruments +:** All brands of empty writing instruments, glue sticks, watercolor dispensers, paint sets, and flexible packaging.



## Save your Plastic Planters for Reuse

As much of gardening season draws to a close, you may have quite a few plastic temporary planters left over. Hang onto them! These black plastic planter pots are not recyclable, so giving them a second life is preferable to the trash.

We've checked in with a few local places and Salem's own Maitland Mountain Farms is happy to collect these items.

If you have a garden center you often visit, try calling them. They may be happy to reuse your planters.

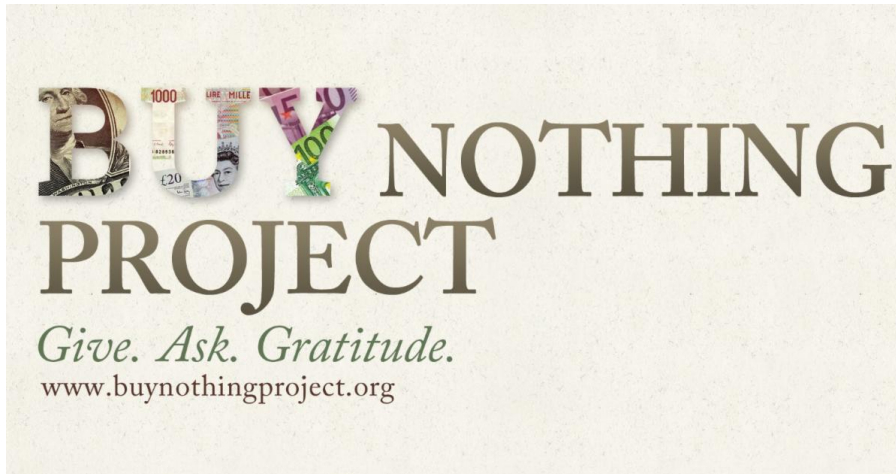


## Sharing in Salem

Did you know Salem library has a [Library of Things](#)? Check out all the games in the registry, borrow a ukulele for a jam session, or take home the portable projector for a movie night. Speaking of libraries, have you found your [local little free library](#)? Salem has tons of these.

We are fortunate to have a robust museum with interactive programming in Salem. Check out the PEM's [Dotty Brown Art & Nature Center](#) for family friendly displays and art making. Local to the region, check out [The Brickyard Collaborative](#) - a makerspace in Lynn to borrow tools to play and build.

The online sharing and gifting platform only grew stronger during covid, and shows no signs of stopping. Salem has three Buy Nothing Facebook groups for the different neighborhoods of our city. See the map and links to correspond with each region, [here](#) to join where you live. Buy Nothing is an excellent way to share and get to know your neighbors.



### Looking Ahead:

- August 21st - Household Hazardous Waste Day at Salem High School
- Sept 18th - Free Book Day
- Sept 25th - E-Waste Recycling

Our calendar of events can be [found here](#).

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