



November 2021 Newsletter

Fall Recycling and Reuse Events are back with our first Repair Café since COVID and another Textile & TerraCycle Recycling Drive. We are also excited to announce a permanent location for TerraCycle collection.

Finally, we have some tips for a sustainable holiday season.

Repair Café - December 4

SalemRecycles will be hosting our 10th Repair Café! This year, our event will be at a new location, the **Community Life Center at 401 Bridge St.** The Café is a gathering of skilled volunteers who will repair and restore your broken items, keeping them from the waste stream. Salem residents only, please, at this free event.



- * Event is 9:00-noon, last appointment 11:30 at the CLC (401 Bridge St)
- * Appointments required, no walk ins will be accepted.
Email mguglielmi@salem.com for an appointment
- * Masks must be worn at all times during this event
- * Repair one or two items (more if time allows)

REPAIRS INCLUDE: Sewing by hand or machine (mend, patch, darn, buttons — sorry, no hems or alterations). Sharpen scissors & knives. Tinker with and rewire electronics and lamps; no TVs. Vacuum repair, computer diagnostics, ceramics gluing, & basic jewelry repair. Furniture and wood gluing and repair.

BRING WITH YOU: Replacement item such as new zipper or electric cord/plug. If your electronics requires testing after repair, bring what is needed to do that (e.g. light bulb, DVD).

Textile & TerraCycle Recycling Drive - Nov 20

Saturday, November 20th from 8am-1pm at Riley Plaza

DROP OFF -- clean & dry clothing, sneakers, shoes, boots, slippers, belts, ties, purses, stuffed animals, comforters, sheets, blankets, table linens, and curtains.

ANY CONDITION -- stained, worn, or torn, as long as they're clean and dry

TerraCycle Collection

We're collecting FIVE TerraCycle brigades. Please keep different streams separate.

- **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.



TerraCycle Permanent Collection Bins

The City is excited to partner with TerraCycle to offer permanent collection bins to recycle TerraCycle items that would otherwise be thrown in the trash. These items include all used, dried Swiffer pads; all brands of reusable and disposable razors, blades, & cartridges, as well as any flexible or rigid plastic packaging they come in; all brands of toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, mouthwash bottles, and floss containers plus toothbrush packaging; all brands of deodorant containers and caps; and all brands of empty writing instruments, glue sticks, watercolor dispensers, paint sets, and flexible packaging.

Please keep all streams of waste in separate bags, and make sure all TerraCycle items are clean and dry. For more information, [click here](#). The bins will be located on the **first floor of City Hall Annex around the corner from the elevators.**



Sustainable Holiday Tips and Reminders

Our composting partner, Black Earth Compost, can take the **bones and all!** Don't hesitate to throw all the food remains from Thanksgiving in the compost collection. We have a **public drop off spot at Mack Park** if you do not have curbside compost.



Use your veggie and meat scraps to make stock. You can freeze it and then add what's left over to your compost bin, or bring it to the Black Earth Compost drop off at Mack Park.

Instead of buying new gift items this holiday season, consider a Yankee or Reuse Swap. We all have new or gently used items that others would appreciate. Lighten your load. You will save money and benefit the planet, too!

Too many paper bags? Use as gift wrap. You can draw, color or stamp the package to decorate it, or write your "gift tag" and "card" right on the gift.

Paper grocery bags and Kraft paper are recyclable, while commercial gift wraps are not.

Cook your decorative pumpkins and squash and/or bake their seeds. Spoiled pumpkins and squash can be composted in your backyard composter or at Mack Park.

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