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**Swap 'N' Drop
Saturday, May 6, 2017
Salem Common
10 am - 12:30 pm**

This is a great zero-waste event! Clean out your closets and drop off unused/unwanted clothing and small usable household items (no TVs or computers) for others to take at no charge!



No "swap" needed—anyone can "shop."
Everything left over will be recycled by the company Recycle That.

Reusable bags will also be given away in preparation for Salem's upcoming plastic bag ban (see next article below).

Rain policy: If the weather is wet or damp, clothing and textiles will not be shared for swapping, but they will be donated.

Recycle That's truck will be on site until 1 pm to collect donations.
Questions? Contact Julie Rose at jrose@salem.com or 978-619-5679.

The Bag Ban is Coming, the Bag Ban is Coming....

Salem's City Council recently adopted a plastic bag ban for all Salem retailers. It doesn't go into effect until January 1, 2018, but in the meantime, why not get in the habit of bringing reusable bags now?

This exciting initiative was the result of a community service project by high school interns in Salem Sound Coastwatch's program, "Talking Trash for Clean Oceans."

Plastic bags, which look like jellyfish in the ocean, are harmful to marine life.

[Click here](#) for a copy of the Ordinance that was passed. For more information about environmental effects of plastic bags, contact Salem Sound Coastwatch, info@salemsound.org, 978-741-7900.



Not Trash!

Did you know that 25% of our trash is made up of textiles? That's a huge amount of recyclable material to throw away!

Can't wait for the next SalemRecycles textile drive in November? Here are some of the locations to donate year round. Clothing, bedding (no pillows), linens, footwear (even single shoes), belts, and purses are all accepted. The materials must be clean and dry—no problem if they are stained and torn.

- The Phoenix School, 89 Margin Street, Salem (look for the bin)
- St. Anne's Church, 290 Jefferson Ave., Salem (look for the bin)
- St. Peter's Church, 24 St. Peter Street, Salem (the bin is in the back parking lot)
- Goodwill trucks, 8 am – 4:30 pm, seven days/week. Stop & Shop on Howley St. in Peabody and Stop & Shop at Vinnin Square in Swampscott
- Local thrift stores -- most thrift stores also recycle garments they cannot sell. Inquire before donating.



This just in..... Announcements:

Bulky Trash Pick-up Expanded!

Big news for big items--Salem residents can now have two bulky items picked up at one time.

They must be scheduled and will be collected only on your recycling day. To schedule, call Waste Management at 800-972-4545 at least 48 hours in advance of your recycling pick up.

Also, for the month of May only, bulky items can be taken to the Salem Transfer Station, 12 Swampscott Road, Saturdays 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Proof of residency or property ownership is required, and you will be asked to sign in. There is a limit of two items per person, per weekend. Construction debris will not be accepted.

For additional information or if you have questions, please call the City of Salem Recycling & Trash Office at 978-619-5679.



Clam shells can now be recycled!

Huh? No, not those tasty mollusks from the sea, the plastic kind that's used for carryout food.

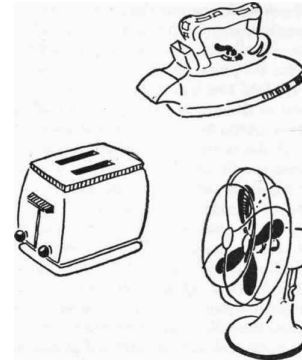
Clean 'em and toss 'em into your blue toter.

Repair Cafe in Salem??

Planning is underway for a "Repair Café." This would be a pop up event located at a public place, where residents could bring items for free repair. Repair Cafes, "where beloved but broken possessions are given new life," are being held world-wide, including in several communities in Massachusetts.

We have created a brief (7 questions) survey to determine interest in this project. Could you take a minute and [click here](#)? Thanks!

Tinkerers needed too. If you know anyone who has skills to share, please have them contact Julie Rose at jrose@salem.com or 978-619-5679.



Upcoming Events:

1. E-Waste Collection, Saturday, June 24, Salem High School, 8 am – noon.
2. Book Swap, Saturday, September 16, 10 am – 1 pm

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