



March 2021 Newsletter

With spring cleaning just around the corner, you've likely got some old E-waste ready to be dropped at our collection. We'll talk about what you can bring. There are many ways to reduce waste in Salem. Let's talk composting, hazardous waste, Terracycle, and highlight more innovative small businesses working to on the reduce and reuse.

E-Waste Collection

March 27
8am - 12noon

Salem State's O'Keefe Sports
Complex Parking Lot

Have a string of old holiday lights that no longer work? A dead cell phone? If it has a plug, we'll take it! Salem residents & property owners (with ID or tax bill) - bring your e-waste to this collection site.

Please stay in your vehicle the whole time, wear a face mask covering, and have your items ready to unload in your trunk, truck bed or hatchback. Facebook event found [here](#). More details on the event at [greensalem](#). Certain items do require cash or check payable to our vendor - RMG Enterprise.

Please note: e-items containing mercury, along with CFL bulbs, can be brought to Salem DPS, 5 Jefferson Ave., during City business hours.

If you happen to miss this one, never-fear. SalemRecycles hosts additional E-Waste Collections on June 26th, September 25th and December 18th.



Reminder: Other Upcoming Events

Free Book Day
April 10 @ 9:00 am
Citywide Event

In lieu of Book Swap,
residents are invited to gift

books from in front of their own homes! Check [here](#) to see the map of participating homes. To participate reach out to mguglielmi@salem.com. For any leftover books, you can drop them at the [More than Words drop box at the Salem State Library](#).



Household Hazardous Waste Day

April 24, 8am - 12noon
Beverly High School

Curious about how to dispose of household hazardous waste? We've partnered with Beverly to host a Household Hazardous Waste Day. To learn more about what you what is accepted, [review our website](#).

Textiles & TerraCycle Recycling Drive

May 1 @ 8am - 1pm
Riley Plaza

Start stocking up on fabrics, Swiffer pads, razor products and packaging. Learn all about this event at [greensalem](#) or at [our Facebook event page](#). Look for the HELPSY Truck!



Why Textiles? — Textiles are valuable resources that can be reused, cut into rags, or ground up into new products! They can't be placed in curbside recycle bins where they become "tanglers," and they needn't go in the trash.

What to Drop Off — clean & dry clothing, sneakers, shoes, boots, slippers, belts, ties, purses, stuffed animals, comforters, sheets, blankets, table linens, and curtains.

Condition of textiles — as long as clean and dry. Can be new and reusable, old and moth-eaten, torn, stained or damaged, broken belt, single sock or shoe. Damaged textiles can be recycled!

Please, NO — carpet, rugs, pillows, bric-a-brac, oil rags, wet or mildewed items.

When it comes to TerraCycle items we will accept, please take a look below:

Hygienic Products — mouthwash bottles and caps, toothbrushes, deodorant containers and caps, soap packaging, floss containers, toothpaste tubes and caps.

Razors — save all brands of reusable and disposable razor units, blades, & cartridges, as well as any flexible or rigid plastic packaging they come in

Swiffer — save all used, dry Swiffer pads.

Note — Please keep textile, Swiffer pads, and razors separated in your vehicle.

Shoutout to Beverly's Unpacked Living for their [year-round collections of multiple TerraCycle-able streams.](#)



ACCEPTED WASTE

1 All brands of blades and razors (systems and disposable units, and replaceable-blade cartridge units)



2 Rigid plastic packaging



3 Flexible plastic bag packaging

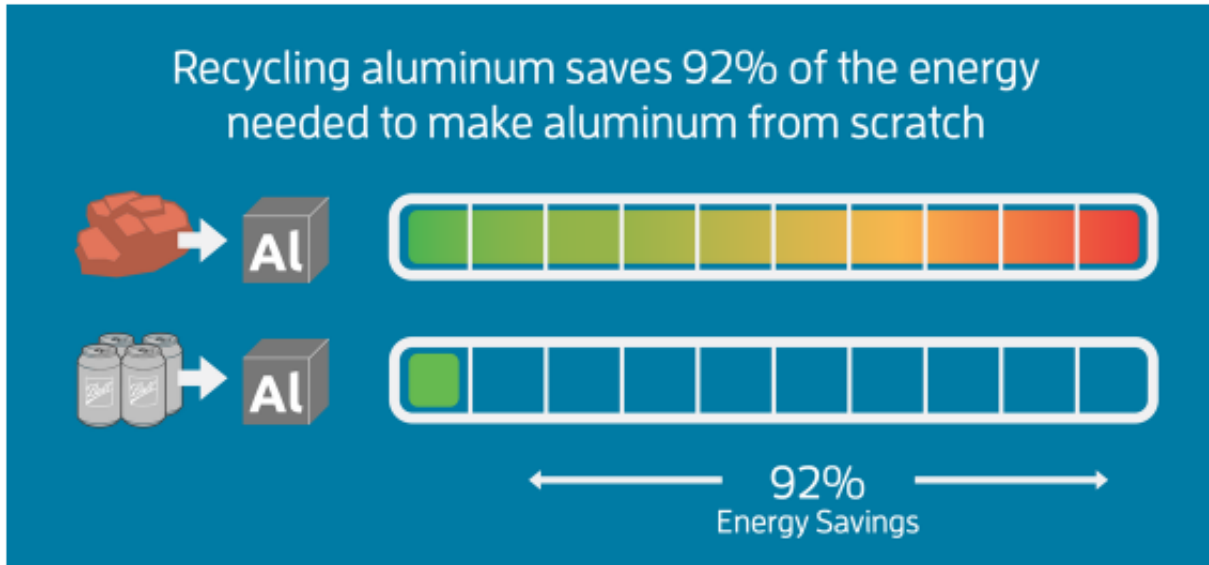


National Aluminum Can Shortage

Did you know that largely due to the pandemic, our nation is experiencing an aluminum can shortage? We can do our part in Salem to be sure to recycle all of our aluminum cans because aluminum is a recycling super-product - it recycles

indefinitely. Did you know aluminum cans contain 3 times the amount of recycled content compared to plastic and glass? Learn more about the aluminum can advantage at aluminum.org.

It's easy to see just in the graphic below why recycled aluminum is a win both for economic and sustainability purposes. Producing aluminum from scratch crosses continents, extracts from the earth, and requires a lot of energy.



[2015 Ball Sustainability Graphic](#)

How to recycle aluminum - tips from our friends at recycle Smart MA:

- Empty your cans before you put them in the recycling bin.
- Don't crush aluminum cans. A crushed can may be mis-sorted at the recycling facility and could end up in the trash.
- To get your nickel deposit back, return deposit cans to the retailer where you bought them (soda and carbonated water only).

Reminder: Resilient Together

Did you know Salem and Beverly have partnered together to create a joint climate action and resilience plan for our two cities to take collective action in the face of the climate crisis?

How to get Involved:

- Take the latest survey. Do part of it or all of it based on your interests.
- Sign up for the newsletter [here](#).
- Mindmixer: [sign up here](#) to interact with others in the community in an online discussion forum.
- [Submit a personal story](#) regarding how you take climate action in your day-to-day life. Are you a restaurant owner sourcing local food? Do you check in on an elderly neighbor when there is a bad storm? Are you a student organizing your friends to learn more about



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climate change at your school or place of worship? The team at Resilient Together wants to know!

- Follow and engage with them on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#)!
- Watch the Resilient Together [2-minute video](#) that stars your neighbors and community leaders!

Local Spotlight: Recolor Paints



Have some paint left over from your pandemic house projects? While you can bring your oil based paints to our Hazardous Waste Day, or dry out your can of latex paint to be put in the trash, why not bring your latex paint to [Recolor Paints](#) so they can upcycle it! You heard that right. This Massachusetts based business has an impressive color palette to choose from and can be purchased locally at Habitat for Humanity in Peabody, Lowes, or Amazon.

For households looking to recycle your paint, find a drop off site near you, contact their facility at 1-833-RECOLOR (732-6567), [via email](#) or drop off at Recolor Paints, 149B Winter Street Hanover, MA 02339 (GPS location: 135 Winter Street).

If you are a business, have more than 25 gallons of paint to recycle, or need your paint picked up, call us for a quote.

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