



April 2021 Newsletter

Spring has sprung! While doing your spring cleaning, remember we have an upcoming Textile & TerraCycle Event, a Prescription Take Back Day, and Household Hazardous Waste Day. Curbside textile collection is also coming to Salem! Remember to follow the 8 R's while thinking how you can live more sustainably.

Textile & TerraCycle Drive - May 1st

Saturday, May 1 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 now collecting FIVE TerraCycle brigades!

- **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.
- **ORAL CARE**: Toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, mouthwash bottles, and floss containers. Save all brands, plus toothbrush packaging.
- **DEODORANT**: All brands of deodorant containers and caps.
- **BIC STATIONERY**: All brands of empty writing instruments, glue sticks, watercolor dispensers, paint sets, and flexible packaging.





Curbside Textile Recycling in Salem

Starting April 24th, The City of Salem is partnering with **HELPSY** to offer free curbside pick-up of clothing and household textiles for Salem residents. According to the EPA, the average person throws away 81 lbs. of clothing per year. Of that amount, 95% can be recycled.

Pick-ups will happen weekly on Saturdays and residents must make an appointment online. Simply go to www.helpsy.co/SalemMA and complete the pick-up request form; you'll be offered several dates to choose from. Leave donations at the curb prior to 7 am on your chosen date, and HELPSY will pick up!



HELPSY accept clean, dry, and bagged clothing and fashion accessories including dresses, shirts, pants, suits, coats, gloves, hats, belts, ties, scarves, wallets, purses, backpacks, totes, shoes, towels, bedding, costumes, curtains, placements, pillows, stuffed animals, tablecloths and throw rugs. These items can be accepted in any condition, stained, worn or torn, missing pairs or buttons, holes – HELPSY will take it all!

They will not accept breakable houseware or glass, electronics, furniture, building material, scrap metal, appliances, mattresses, encyclopedia sets, phone books or magazines.

The 8 'Rs' of Recycling

There are more than 3 R's of recycling! Recycling is the last option when the first 7 won't work.

What if we rethink the way we shop and live, then refuse what we don't need, reduce what we already consume, reuse what we already have, and refurbish,



repair or repurpose before replacing.

Think of these as a guide to living a more sustainable life!

Prescription Take Back Day - April 24th

April 24th is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day!

Although many things can be recycled/re-used, prescription drugs cannot and finding a safe way to dispose of them is very important. Scheduled from 10 am – 2pm on April 24th, [National Prescription Drug Take Back Day](#) is a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs. Improper disposal of medications (such as flushing old prescriptions down the toilet) can have significant negative impact on the environment, such as drugs leaching into the water system. According to one study, 40% of the nation's water supply is permeated by pharmaceuticals through aquifers deep underground. Since septic systems and wastewater facilities are not designed to remove medicinal chemicals from water, there is no current treatment to remove traces of pharmaceuticals from treated water.



Check with your local pharmacy to see if they will be participating in this event. Additionally, the Salem Police Community Impact Unit runs a year round Prescription Drug Return and Disposal Program. Items can be dropped off in the lobby of the Salem Police Department at 95 Margin Street. Details on what is and isn't accepted can be found [here](#).

Household Hazardous Waste Day

Beverly's Household **Hazardous Waste** Collection Day

SATURDAY • APRIL 24, 2021 • 8 am - Noon

High School Parking Lot, Enter from Sohler Road

Beverly & Salem Residents Only (proof of residency required)

WHAT DO I BRING?

FROM THE HOUSE:

- Drain Cleaners
- Oven Cleaners
- Furniture Polish • Floor Cleaners
- Photo Chemicals
- Dry Cleaning Fluid
- Hobby & Art Supplies
- Mercury Waste (fluorescent bulbs, thermostats, thermometers)

FROM THE YARD:

- Pesticides • Herbicides
- Rodent Killers
- Insect Spray
- Pool Chemicals
- Muriatic Acid
- No-pest Strips
- Cesspool Cleaners
- Propane Tanks (no Helium Tanks)

FROM THE GARAGE:

- Automobile Antifreeze
- Brake Fluid
- Wax Polish
- Engine or Radiator Flushes
- Transmission Fluid
- Car Batteries
- Fuels, Gasoline, Kerosene

FROM THE WORKBENCH:

- Rust Preventers
- Wood Preservatives
- Oil Based Paint, Stain, etc.
- Wood Strippers
- Paint Thinners
- Solvents
- Degreasers
- Sealants
- Creosote

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CO-PAY
PER CAR

CAR
TIRES
17" or Less ONLY
Off Rims

Cash or
Check
Only

WHAT NOT TO BRING!

- TV's, Monitors, Electronics
- Motor Oil (take to DPS - 148 Park Street)
- Latex Paint & Driveway Sealer (pop lids, let dry & throw away)
- Smoke Detectors
- Ammunition, Fireworks, Explosives
- Compressed Gas Cylinders, Helium Tanks
- Prescription Medicine (Medication Drop Box 24/7 @ Beverly Police Station & Beverly Hospital, Main Entrance)
- Syringes (drop off @ Beverly Hospital, Main Entrance, Sharps Kiosk 24/7 & Beverly Police Station)
- Commercial or Industrial Waste • Asbestos
- Infectious Biological & Radioactive Waste

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How do I safely transport these hazardous materials?

- Leave materials in original container
- Tighten caps & lids. Pack containers in sturdy, upright boxes & pad with newspaper. DO NOT place in a garbage bag. Sort & pack separately.
- NEVER MIX CHEMICALS - Never smoke while handling hazardous materials. Pack your vehicle & go directly to the site.

COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

- Masks need to be worn
- No containers will be returned to participants, including but not limited to, gas containers & storage totes
- Waste will ONLY be accepted from truck beds, trunks and back of SUVs. Material from the seats of the vehicle or materials handed by the participant WILL NOT be accepted.
- All participants must stay in their vehicles. Any participant who attempts to or exits a vehicle will be asked to leave the event.

For more info, contact Beverly Board of Health at **978.921.8591**

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